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RED ROSE REMINDER: Enjoying the sun and swing in Centennial Park after a few hours at daycare Monday, Liam Knox holds a rose as he hangs out with Ashley Quesnel, centre, and Brianna Cudmore. The flower is a reminder that Valentine's Day is just around the corner.

Lunn gets front-row seat in cabinet

By SEAN MCINTYRE
 Staff Writer

Less than 24 hours after being officially appointed the Minister of Natural Resources, Saanich-Gulf Island's MP Gary Lunn is prepared to do much more than "carry the new prime minister's briefcase."

Though his appointment was not entirely a surprise,

he said, getting the post is especially rewarding after nine years of looking in from the outside as an MP for the Reform, Alliance and Conservative parties.

The day after being returned as riding MP on January 23, Lunn told the Driftwood he had no expectations about receiving a cabinet assignment, and joked that he

would even be happy to carry Stephen Harper's briefcase.

Until Parliament resumes on April 3, Lunn said, he will be kept busy learning the ropes of his new post.

"This is a new portfolio and has its own learning curve, but I've already started burning the midnight oil," he said in an interview

from his Ottawa office on Tuesday.

Before beginning his political career, Lunn, 48, spent time working as a lawyer, paramedic and mine construction supervisor in Canada's north and the province's interior.

LUNN IN CABINET 4

New trustees squash vacation rentals bylaw

By SEAN MCINTYRE
 Staff Writer

Proponents of a bylaw to legalize vacation rentals on Salt Spring say the trustees' decision to turn out the lights on vacation rentals will harm the very island they are so keen to protect.

"We really do have a reputation as a tourist destination at stake here," said Arlene Dashwood in an interview following the decision to

deny Bylaw 409 a second reading at the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee (LTC) meeting last week.

Dashwood said arguments that vacation rentals would destroy the island's sense of community, increase crime rates and promote land speculation are unsubstantiated and neglect to acknowledge the essential role of tourism in the island's economy.

At the very least, she added, trustees could have moved ahead and held a public hearing on the issue before throwing it out altogether.

"This typifies the methods used throughout the entire process," she said. "The trustees are creating a fear of something based on beliefs which are quite ludicrous."

If approved, Bylaw 409 would have created a permit-

ting process through which owners of single-family residentially zoned dwellings could rent out their properties to visitors.

After paying the \$1,000 application fee, applicants would need to satisfy several criteria, such as providing adequate parking and minimizing environmental impacts.

"Opening the dialogue would provide an opportu-

nity for public debate where alternative proposals could have been reviewed," she said.

As it stands, Dashwood said, proponents will need to start rebuilding a proposal from the ground up, a process that she is not prepared to lead once again.

"I just hope the vacation rental owners will step forward," said Dashwood.

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Report probes lake toxins

Waterworks aims to reduce algal toxins in St. Mary Lake

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
 Staff Writer

Salt Spring's largest water supply might need tiny bubbles to help prevent potentially toxic algal blooms — like the one that struck St. Mary Lake last spring — from recurring.

According to a report written by North Salt Spring Waterworks District (NSSWD) trustee Bob Watson, islanders consuming water from St. Mary Lake were exposed to liver-damaging toxins produced by blue-green algae (cyanobacteria) that exceeded Health Canada limits last year.

"The whole research field of cyanobacterial (algal) toxins is relatively new," Watson said. "Understanding of the organisms, toxins and health risk, monitoring and treatment techniques is still evolving."

Between March and May of 2005, test results from St. Mary Lake found algal toxins in numbers that exceeded

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Health Canada's lifetime-exposure limits by as much as 13 times. Health Canada has not yet developed guidelines for short-term exposure to algal toxins and guidance has been sought from the Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA), Watson noted.

"We've put a question to the B.C. Ministry of Health and the Centre for Disease Control to come up with some information for short and medium-term exposure," said VIHA supervisor of environmental health Gary Gibson.

"With the levels that have been indicated at St. Mary Lake, there is not a health concern at this particular time," Gibson said.

But VIHA wants to maintain a focus on continued water monitoring, he said.

And plans to reduce exposure to further algal toxins at St. Mary Lake are vital, said University of Victoria biology professor and local water quality expert Rick Nordin.

"These are extremely potent toxins. It doesn't take very large quantities to have an effect."

Since the toxins produced by cyanobacteria are chemical compounds that aren't organic themselves, they can't be effectively treated by chlorine, he said.

The toxins can be absorbed by activated charcoal, but that treatment process is

fairly expensive and it's not completely effective, he said.

Nordin applauded Watson's proactive report.

"It's a good step into spreading information that people should know."

During a NSSWD meeting on January 25, Watson proposed that St. Mary Lake needs a hypolimnetic aeration device installed as soon as possible to reduce algal toxin risk.

"It's the most effective way of reducing the chances of having algae blooms. That's the key thing," Watson said during a Driftwood interview.

An aeration device would pump air from a compressor into the lower layers of the lake, he explained.

"The oxygen rises in little tiny bubbles, just like an aquarium. It can't go anywhere except up and that creates circulation."

Aeration prevents cold water at the deep part of the lake from losing oxygen and releasing phosphorous, a major contributor to algae blooms, Watson said.

"There are other steps that could be taken to reduce the phosphorous in the lake, but this is the biggest return for our dollar. It's a necessary first step."

When he was a water quality specialist working for the province in 1985, an experimental aerator was installed

in St. Mary Lake. Nordin's research found that water quality improved and there were no algae blooms while it operated.

"It was only meant as an experiment. The problem was that after 10 years there was a lot of deterioration of the equipment. We didn't have any money and we couldn't find any money to fund the repairs and keep it going."

An aeration device will also make the water clearer, benefit fish through an increased oxygen supply and help reduce costs of other treatment methods because it reduces algae content, Nordin noted.

NSSWD chair Bob Brawn said that aeration could be the best plan for reducing algal toxins over the long term, but the water district will need to conduct a study to determine feasibility, costs and effectiveness.

Brawn also indicated that water health is the responsibility of all levels of government.

"What it's going to take for the lake to get fixed is co-operation from every level of government," he said.

If St. Mary Lake faces another toxic algal bloom this year, NSSWD can temporarily redirect water from Maxwell Lake to provide customers with potable water until the bloom has subsided, he said.

"There is more than enough water at Maxwell

Lake for a serious bloom to go away."

Current chlorination and filtration processes also make significant reductions in exposure to algal toxins, he noted.

As a further measure, NSSWD can slow down the filtration process to remove more algae from the water at St. Mary Lake and intakes can be adjusted to collect water from algae-free levels, he said.

"Hopefully the algae will all fall to the bottom by the time we get to the heavy usage period in the summer."

Brawn also pointed out that a new weir planned for the lake will regulate water levels to help reduce algal blooms.

Since the Capital Regional District (CRD) also supplies the Highlands and Fernwood water systems from St. Mary Lake, CRD engineers are also taking note of Watson's report.

"We need to talk and see if this makes sense. I'm sure it does, but we haven't got there yet," said CRD manager of environmental services Jim McFarland.

The CRD is currently upgrading its treatment plant at St. Mary Lake to deal with algae and algal toxins.

"We can build a facility that can deal with both those organisms," McFarland said.

But the CRD might be interested in joining the aeration project following results of a study, he said.




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WHAT'S ON This Week?
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Two south-end accidents prompt emergency services

Just after 4 p.m. on Wednesday, February 1, Salt Spring RCMP attended the scene of a single vehicle accident near St. Paul's Church on Fulford-Ganges Road.

Officers said the driver lost control of his vehicle and drove over the embankment toward Fulford Harbour.

The vehicle was towed from the ditch and the driver suffered no injuries. This is the second such incident at that location in less than a month.

• A Salt Spring driver was

911 FILE

transported to Lady Minto Hospital on the afternoon of Friday, February 3 after a single-vehicle accident in the 600 block of Isabella Point Road left her with serious injuries.

The RCMP, BC Ambulance Service and Salt Spring Fire Department attended the scene at 4:30 p.m.

RCMP officers are investigating the accident.

FOR THE RECORD

An error in a court story in last week's paper saw six months accidentally added to a temporary-driving

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February 18 declared 'pothole count' day

After petitions, letters and phone calls didn't mend the potholes around her neighbourhood, islander Lorraine Norfolk came up with a light-hearted way to attract attention to the deteriorating quality of some local roads.

"We've done everything we can think of by being nice and saying, 'Something has to be done,' and nothing has happened," Norfolk said.

Her calls to the Ministry of Transportation (MOT), Mainroad South Island Contracting Ltd. or local MLA Murray Coell produced no satisfaction. And last week she counted 68 potholes along a 500-metre stretch of Monteith Road.

"They were so bad that you literally couldn't avoid them."

So she came up with the pothole-count idea at a dinner party when discussion turned to complaints about the condition of island roads.

"Victoria has gained national renown for its Annual Flower Count. Let us make a bid for our own claim to fame and proclaim Saturday, February 18, 2006 to be

the 'First Annual Salt Spring Island Pothole Count.'"

"I imagine there will be a flurry of activity to repair them over the next week or so, so we decided to count the newly filled ones as well."

Norfolk's street was even patched this week, but she's been frustrated by road-repairing techniques in the past.

"They throw a little bit of this soft asphalt stuff in and the first rain literally washes it out again."

She recalled that a crew repaired her road in October before rains in November and the potholes were back within two to three weeks.

"It was just as bad as before."

Participants can count the potholes on any given road, contact Norfolk (537-8557) or e-mail (tenlen@telus.net) and report the name of the road and number of holes.

Norfolk will report her results to the Driftwood, the Times Colonist and the local CBC radio and television stations.

"It's about time this



POTTED PLANT: Rita Sagness, left, and Lorraine Norfolk admire one of the island's abundant and luxurious potholes (in this case, deep enough to plant a shrub) in anticipation of the First Annual Salt Spring Island Pothole Count set for February 18.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

place got shook up and we do something about this mess."

Neither Mainroad nor the MOT returned Driftwood phone calls before press deadline.

VACATION RENTALS

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"After four years, it's time to pass on the torch and we know this issue is not going to go away."

Since the community began examining proposed Bylaw 409 on August 2003, the Islands Trust has imposed a tacit moratorium on the island's estimated 154 vacation rentals.

According to senior planner John Gauld, rescinding the bylaw means regular enforcement practices will come into effect immediately.

Trustees George Ehring and Peter Lamb justified their position based on the potential impact on island neighbourhoods and islanders' vocal opposition to the bylaw.

"All these vacant homes waiting for tourists to occupy them for several weeks in the summer, not only don't contribute economically, they are also a drain on the social capital of the community," said Ehring at the January 31 LTC meeting.

He added that a lack of sup-

port for the bylaw shows the public's position on the issue remains largely unchanged since the official community plan (OCP) was approved in 1998.

"We're all fond of saying that the OCP is not written in stone, and that's true, but before we start rubbing out the words, we have to take seriously the intentions of our community when we overwhelmingly approved the OCP in 1998."

He added that trustees would search for a compromise that respects individual private property rights while limiting the impact of the vacation rental industry.

"I don't think government should get in your face if you want to go on holiday for a while and rent out your own principal residence," he said.

"The problem is that no one seems to know how to permit that while, at the same time, preventing the commercial vacation rental industry from operating."

Trustee Lamb said Trust planning staff had already

spent enough time on the matter and it was now time to move onto other issues such as the creation of a viable soil removal bylaw, a topic more in keeping with his promises to support the Islands Trust's preserve and protect mandate.

"Time means money and I really do think we've spent enough time on this," he said.

LTC chair Kim Benson said the vacation rental decision is a clear indication of where Salt Spring residents stand on what has become a hot topic throughout the Trust area.

As chair of the Gabriola Island Local Trust Committee, Benson supported the trustees' bid to permit vacation rentals last fall and she has other islands heading in that direction.

Currently, South Pender is the only island to legalize vacation rentals.

"As I see it, it is a matter of community values," said Benson. "I agree there are a lot of problems associated with how to proceed."

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Applications are invited from individuals representing sectors of the community listed above, who would like to serve without remuneration and can make a commitment to attend a minimum of eight meetings in 2006. Dates and times are set out in advance and are expected to be once per month in Ganges for two hours. A willingness to work toward consensus with people who may hold different views is essential.

A copy of the terms of reference for the committee is available online at www.crd.bc.ca/es/sw or by contacting Wendy Dunn at the CRD at 1-800-663-4425.

The deadline for submissions is 10 February 2006. If you are interested in applying please forward your resume by mail, fax or email to:

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LUNN IN CABINET

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Time spent in the field, he said, has prepared him for a ministry covering a wide-range of issues including mining, climate change, energy and forestry.

During a January all-candidates meeting at ArtSpring, Lunn said he is in favour of increased oil exploration.

Lunn's appointment marks the first time a Saanich-Gulf Islands MP has had a cabinet post since the riding was created in 1986.

Cabinet ministers are entitled to an additional \$70,000 and a chauffeur-driven limousine, in addition to the \$109,000 they receive as MPs.

According to Shiela Harrington from the Salt Spring office of the Land Trust Alliance of B.C., there may be a silver lining to having a cabinet minister in such an influential position.

"It is hoped his being from our riding could help in the protection of land," she said.



MP Gary Lunn
Driftwood file photo

On a national scale, the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers president Pierre Alvarez said in a Canadian Press interview that the new cabinet offers a "terrific mix" for managing the country's ever-important

natural resources.

"We think there's tremendously fertile ground for co-operation if we're going to continue to grow the industry the way we have the last few years," Alvarez said.

Lunn is one of four British Columbia MPs appointed to a 27-member cabinet, which is much smaller than its Liberal predecessor.

Lunn said the success of the Conservative Party's minority government rests on working with other parties in the House of Commons and maintaining election promises.

"The previous administration was too large," he said. "We will lead by example to get things done and take things in the right direction."

Lunn added he was somewhat surprised by Monday's last-minute defection of former Liberal David Emerson to the Conservative Party.

He said Emerson's experi-

ence in the forestry industry as former Canfor president make him a welcome addition to the caucus.

He added the move did not conflict with the Conservatives' reaction to the defection of Newmarket Aurora MP Belinda Stronach from the Conservatives to the Liberals.

"If I had to draw a distinction, David is more than qualified for the position," he said.

Emerson's forest industry will make him a valuable ally in resolving the outstanding softwood lumber dispute with the United States, an issue, Lunn said, he is already examining closely.

Lunn was elected on January 23 after receiving the nod from roughly 37 per cent of Saanich-Gulf Islands voters. Lunn's 24,416 votes placed him nearly 7,000 votes ahead of runner-up Jennifer Burgis of the NDP.

CRD chips away at demolition waste options

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Sewage sludge from the Burgoyne Bay facility trickled into discussion about wood storage at local transfer stations during a meeting of the Salt Spring Island Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SSISWAC) on January 27.

SSISWAC members had hoped wood waste could be composted along with sewage sludge on Salt Spring, but they heard that the Ministry of Environment (MOE) had rejected the progressive concept.

A Capital Regional District (CRD) staff report states, "The [MOE] had denied a request under the Organic Matter Recycling Regulation (OMRR) for permission to co-compost wood waste along with sewage sludge at the CRD Burgoyne Bay facility."

In answer to wood-waste management issues, the CRD report proposed burning, landfill disposal, energy recovery diversion or secondary processing as alternatives.

"It's very frustrating that

we are not able to do this composting project," said Salt Spring Island Liquid Waste Disposal Committee chair (and Local Trust Committee trustee) George Ehring.

If a suitable bulking agent can be found for sludge collected at Burgoyne Bay, the facility could generate useful compost rather than see the two separate materials dumped at the Hartland landfill, said Ehring.

CRD staff said the MOE is concerned that wood-waste contaminants could persist in the compost.

"Part of their rationale is that they don't want it to go into crops or the food chain," said CRD solid waste division manager Alan Summers.

The ministry wouldn't even approve a pilot project with studies at Hartland, said CRD solid waste division assistant manager John Craveiro.

The CRD plans to call for changes to existing compost regulations.

"We are intending to raise the issue again," said Salt

Spring regional director and SSISWAC chair Gary Holman.

But MOE has not yet received a Burgoyne Bay composting proposal, said MOE senior environmental protection officer Al Leuschen on Monday.

"We had some communication back in 2004, but I didn't receive a proposal. That's why I'm trying to get in touch with the CRD," said Leuschen. "I want to get current information."

As an alternative to wood-waste composting during the SSISWAC meeting on January 27, CRD staff urged committee members to consider revising existing bylaws to allow more wood chipping at local transfer stations by loosening current waste-storage restrictions.

"There is a mechanism to amend the bylaw to create a separate class of transfer station that could be defined to create the least impact on neighbouring residents," said Craveiro.

A CRD staff report suggested that local wood waste must currently be burned,

processed or disposed off island.

Construction waste can be chipped for secondary uses but demolition waste still poses a disposal problem, Craveiro noted.

While SSISWAC member Sheri Neilson said, "We should just burn the stuff," provincial regulations prevent burning of drywall or demolition waste and those items can only be placed in landfill, Craveiro said.

Contemplation of bylaw revisions to allow more storage of construction waste could have legal implications on transfer stations that are currently storing volumes of wood waste in violation of the bylaw, noted Holman.

"I think this caution is misplaced," said SSISWAC member Dietrich Luth.

He argued that the committee shouldn't be deterred by a few complaints about wood chipping at transfer stations. In the end, the committee moved to seek legal advice regarding enforcement implications while options to amending the storage bylaw are considered.

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Storm swamps Price Road family

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer

For Price Road residents Marc and Trudy Rasmussen, dealing with the consequences of last weekend's rainstorm is every bit as distressing as watching Ganges Harbour seep into their waterfront home.

"All you can do is cry," said Trudy, while looking over the damage on Monday afternoon. "What else can we do but rip it all down?"

Trouble began Saturday morning when Ganges Harbour surge waves overtook a concrete retaining wall at the foot of the family's yard.

"It kept coming forward like a pestilence," said Trudy. "No matter what we did, we couldn't stop it."

A series of higher than average tides left water creeping into the bedroom of Marc's 12-year-old daughter and had Trudy cleaning seaweed off their back porch.

In a desperate effort to prevent the water from flowing into the home, a close family friend used an excavator to help the Rasmussens dig a metre-deep trench along the entire length of their backyard, only to watch it fill up with water within minutes.

In the 26 years Marc has lived on the property, he said, the water has never before made it into the house.

Since January 1, however, the water has travelled the 20 metres from Ganges Harbour to the home three times.

In a room where the Rasmussens installed a hardwood floor only weeks before, little is left but a cold and damp concrete foundation and a jumble of personal belongings still drying out.

Though waters had receded by Monday afternoon, the Rasmussens are now left with a monumental clean-up



RISING TIDE: Marc Rasmussen looks over storm damage that left his Price Road waterfront home with \$3,000 of uninsurable damage. Photo by Sean McIntyre

job and a hefty \$3,000 repair bill their insurance company doesn't want to pay since the damage is considered an "act of God."

"Isn't that always the case?" asked Marc. "You pay the money, but when it comes to getting it back it's a whole different story."

The Rasmussens' fate is one of the consequences stemming from what Ganges weather observer Robert Aston called the wettest month in his 40 years of measuring the island's precipitation.

With 28 days of rain in January, Aston said, a total of 346 millimetres (13.65 inches) of precipitation fell on the island.

The weekend's heavy rains

and strong winds gusting up to 100 kilometres an hour kept B.C. Hydro and Salt Spring Fire Department crews busy tending to fallen lines located across the island.

B.C. Hydro's Vancouver Island community relations manager Ted Olynyk said nearly 1,000 Salt Spring residents spent Saturday afternoon without power.

"We'd barely finished cleaning up from the storm that came through earlier that week and wham," he said, adding that, despite the damage, the island managed to escape the brunt of a major low-pressure system that left nearly 100,000 people in southwestern B.C. without power.

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Ganges Marina floats legal threat

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer

Ganges Marina project manager Robyn Kelln is threatening legal action over what Islands Trust staff are calling a "technical amendment" to regulations governing just how many buildings can be constructed in Salt Spring Island's Shoreline I (S1) zone.

"Approving Bylaw 413 would violate the rights of property owners with property in the shoreline zone regardless of how planners disguise the truth," he said in an interview Monday afternoon. "A pig in a tuxedo is still a pig."

The latest storm to hit the Ganges Harbour shoreline follows the decision by trustees Peter Lamb and George Ehring to give first reading to Bylaw 413 at last week's Local Trust Committee (LTC) meeting.

A public hearing will be

scheduled.

Since the existing land use bylaw (LUB) does not explicitly point readers to the general regulations governing all zones, Kelln said, there is no limit to the number of structures he may build on the property, as long as none are larger than 60 square metres (646 square feet).

Under the LUB's general regulations, total floor area of all accessory buildings cannot exceed 60 square metres (1,991 square feet) on any property.

Kelln said the new bylaw would make it impossible to provide guest services such as lockers, showers and washrooms for marina users during the peak summer boating season.

Before deliberations on Bylaw 413 began, Ganges Marina obtained building permits for the construction of 16 accessory buildings on its Lower Ganges Road

property.

Regardless of whether the trustees give Bylaw 413 second reading, Kelln said, Ganges Marina is entitled to finish those structures.

"This is not going to affect anything and we are going ahead," he said. "You can expect us to oppose Bylaw 413 and I hope other property owners will step forward once notice of the changes is given."

Other properties in the shoreline zone include the Salt Spring Harbour Authority's Centennial Marina and Coast Guard Dock, Salt Spring Marina and lands along the shore of Burgoyne Bay Provincial Park.

Trustee George Ehring acknowledged the bylaw wording was "tricky" and open to misinterpretation, but said the laws of logic help indicate just how many accessory buildings can be constructed on a site.

"From my perspective, the land use bylaw does deserve clarification," he said. "It defies logic to think people can construct whatever and however many buildings they want in the shoreline zone."

Ehring said the Trust received a letter from B&B Ganges Marina Ltd. threatening legal action should Bylaw 413 proceed, but said he hoped the public hearing process would clarify a murky situation.

Based on his experience with the former LTC voting against a rezoning proposal, Kelln said, the company's original plan for the site is proceeding.

"We will not go for another run in the butter bowl," he said, referring to the three years spent trying to reach a compromise. "We are going to follow the letter of the law and expect to receive fair treatment."

SOLID gears up to find new ways to help

The year 2006 will see a number of new initiatives born on Salt Spring that are dedicated to lessening the hardships in communities that parallel our own in many ways, but happen to be in Africa.

"With 25 million people in Africa living with HIV/AIDS and 6,000 people on the continent succumbing to the disease on a daily basis, leaving millions of orphans and decimating local economies, the energy and resources of the global community are desperately needed," said Anna Callegari of SOLID — the Salt Spring Organization for Life Improvement and Development. "We're offering people on Salt Spring the opportunity to help be part of that through their involvement, donations and membership with SOLID who will be undertaking grassroots projects in Africa and linkage building between communities of Canada and Africa."

SOLID founder Gary

McNutt and partner Andrea Palframan are currently in South Africa to follow up on SOLID projects in South Africa and Lesotho, notes a SOLID press release. They are also investigating new opportunities to help provide basic nutrition, health and education support for people living with HIV/AIDS and for those left behind from the millions who have already died.

Their first stop was the township of Evaton West where, among many projects and potential projects, they will be following up on the progress of a two-acre community garden, built and planted with SOLID and local community volunteers last winter.

The pair have also travelled to Lesotho to visit SOLID's tree nursery project, with the goal of laying the groundwork for an additional five nurseries to be installed in schools over the next year.

"The tree nurseries are

one of the most exciting projects we're involved in," said Callegari. "Not only can this help lift thousands of orphans out of the cycles of poverty, lack of education and lives of crime and prostitution, but it contributes to a major environmental effort in Lesotho demonstrating how all these issues are linked."

The tree nurseries, started with seed money from SOLID, are associated with schools and run by orphans with the project paying for their tuition and education expenses. The projects are supported by the Lesotho forests ministry, which guarantees purchase of the seedlings as part of the reforestation efforts for the country.

Other islanders who are dedicating their winter to working in Africa are seasoned volunteers Candace Cole and Eric Field who will travel to Kenya to continue working with a school they built two years ago, and to Swaziland to build a shel-

ter for AIDS orphans. Gail Myers, a veteran African volunteer, will be returning this winter to work with the Mengo Hospital in Uganda where clinical trials of selenium and amino-acid treatments are being carried out by researchers from the University of Victoria.

Meanwhile, Peter Bardon and Peggy Frank are working with women's groups and People Living with AIDS groups during their stay in Rwanda, Zimbabwe, South Africa and Lesotho.

They recently met up with Palframan and McNutt in Lesotho.

SOLID member Melanie Furman departs this year for a two-year commitment in Zimbabwe where she will be working on local community economic development and training.

Anyone wanting to get involved or to contribute to the projects can refer to www.solidssaltspring.com or e-mail info@solidssaltspring.com.

Liquor and pot seized at youth beach party

Salt Spring RCMP officers spent the evening of Thursday, February 2 rounding up rowdy youths as students celebrated the final day of classes before provincial examinations.

Police received complaints of loud music from Vesuvius Bay area residents at 9 p.m. and discovered between 50 and 70 youth on the beach and nearby street.

Liquor was confiscated and parents were contacted to arrange rides.

Police also seized a small amount of marijuana from one of the youths.

It is the second week in a row police have responded to Thursday evening disturbances at Vesuvius Beach.

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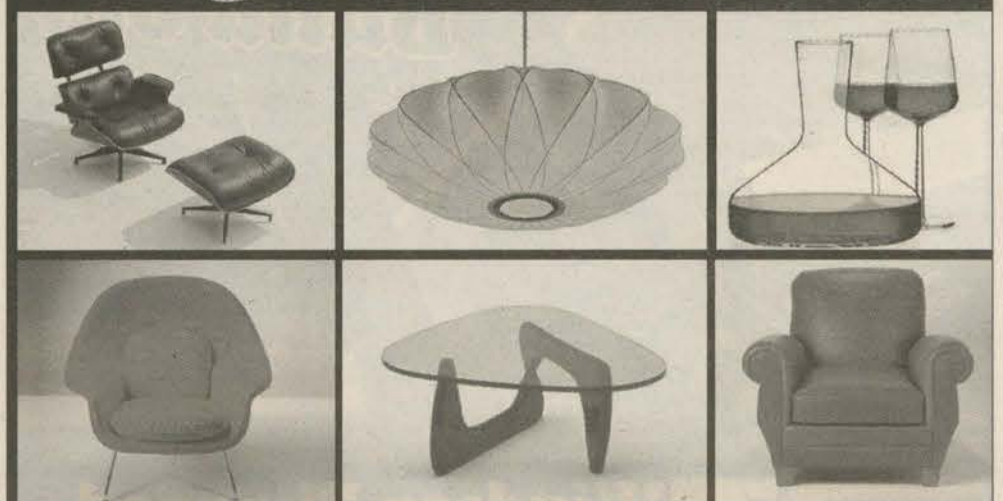
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UV proponent is 'still hopeful'

By GAIL SJUBERG
Staff Writer

Use of an ultra violet (UV)-disinfection system to supplement chlorine treatment in the pool is still possible, following a presentation made to the Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) last Monday.

Michael Contardi formally asked PARC to consider including the system in the Rainbow Road indoor pool, after communicating with some PARC officials about the issue for several months.

"I don't think we should wait a month, two months or a year down the road [before making the decision]," said the father of three and lifelong swimmer. "It's a serious enough issue and the pool shouldn't open until that technology is in place..."

Contardi proposes use of UV technology, which reduces the chloramines resulting when chlorine interacts with sweat and urine. Chloramines, rather than chlorine itself, increase the risk of lung diseases such as asthma.

The UV system also deals effectively with cryptosporidium cysts, "which have been implicated in dozens of serious public health crises [in pools using chlorine or ozone/chlorine systems] across North America," stated Contardi in a letter

to PARC.

Capital costs would be \$22,000 for an automatic cleaning system provided by Trojan Technologies, up to \$2,000 for installation, and between \$1,500 and \$3,500 for annual maintenance.

"It's a drop in the bucket for the health of this community and the health of the children," said Contardi.

He also appealed to commission members to not get tied up in the politics of whether or not PARC should accept the Ssplash pool society's offer to pay for the system.

Commissioner Peter Lake, who chairs the pool facility committee, questioned Ssplash's ability to specify a use of funds, suggesting it contravened the group's constitution and the intent of a motion passed at its annual general meeting in December.

He also said, "I don't think the commission should be dictated to by any group except for the best interests of the community."

But PARC didn't close the door to the UV option. Members requested a list of contact information for other pools currently using the UV system, which Contardi is in the process of providing.

"It's not dead, and I am still hopeful," said Contardi Tuesday.



SUPER BOWL DEBRIEFING: A group of Salt Spring youths — including several football players — discuss Sunday's Super Bowl game, in which Pittsburgh beat Seattle 21-10. The island boys were evenly split on support for each team.

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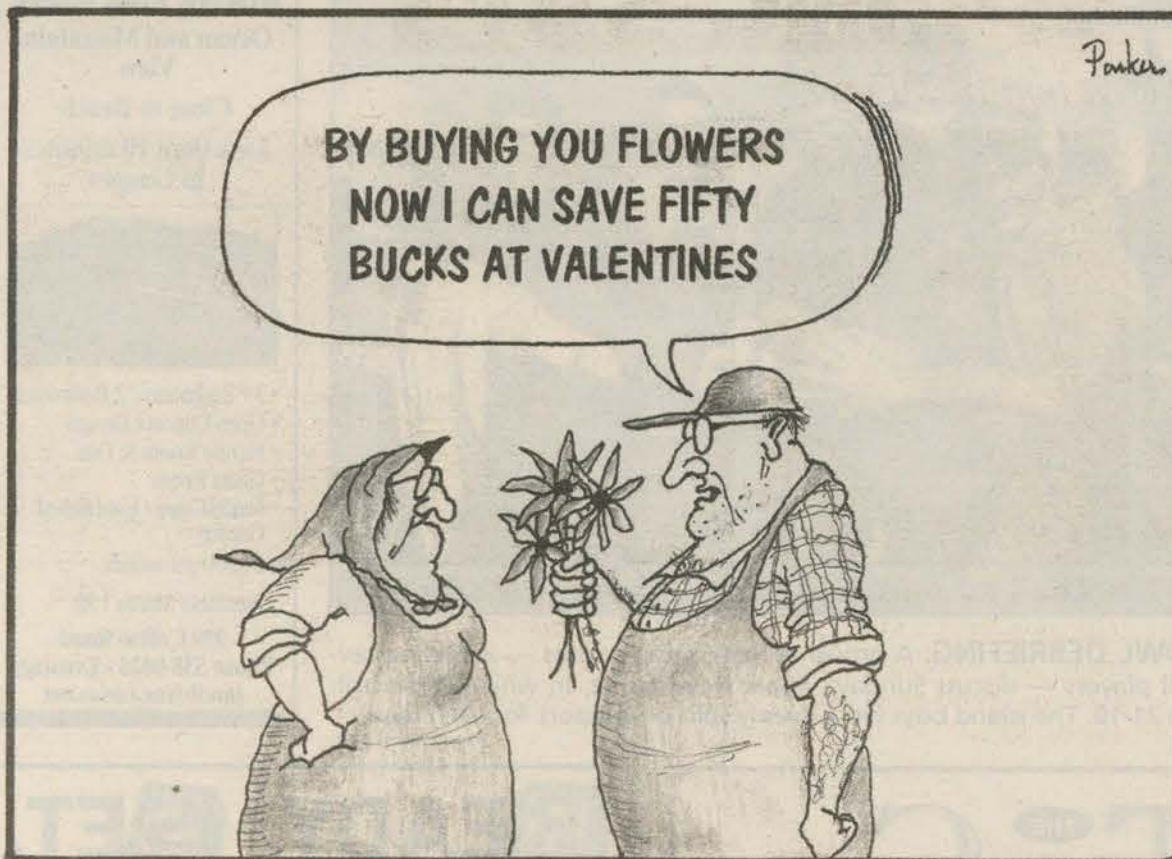


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Eyes on Ottawa

It's hard to imagine a hotter spot in coming months than as an elected member of the Conservative Party of Canada under the glare of public scrutiny.

Rather than the business-as-usual and relative comfort most people felt with the known quantity of the Liberal government — the sponsorship scandal aside — all eyes will be on the new pack in Ottawa to determine if it is a truly viable governing option.

Harper already made waves with the content of his new cabinet, including Vancouver-Kingsway defector David Emerson, and the non-elected Michael Fortier from Montreal.

But through those appointments and others, the party clearly aims to achieve as wide as possible representation in regions, age, gender and experience. The cabinet's make-up is also an attempt to build the Conservative party in all regions, in advance of the next election, which will come soon enough for all concerned.

Whether having a cabinet member MP will make any difference to Saanich-Gulf Islands residents remains to be seen, but that judgement will no doubt add to the spotlight heat.

One thing is certain: Canadians will be quick to criticize Conservative actions not copacetic with promises to tackle ethical behaviour in politicians and the government.

Harper and his party would be advised to heed Justice John Gomery's recommendations to strengthen the Access to Information Act and transparency in government operations.

We concur with the Freedom of Information and Privacy Association (FIPA), which last week urged prompt enactment of Gomery's recommendations.

"As Canada emerges from the two-year malaise created by the sponsorship scandal, it is clear that swift and tough reforms are needed to transform the secretive culture of Ottawa and prevent the occurrence of similar scandals," the group stated in a press release.

Improving whistleblower protection, disclosing details of government contracts with third parties and keeping records that document decision-making are all laudible recommendations that would enhance the party's credibility if enacted.

Everybody's watching.

Right-of-way refresher needed to avoid 'the quick and the dead'

By NELLY KOSTELIJK

Well it's starting to make me wonder where we are going on this island, but hopefully not with this statement: "There are two kinds of pedestrians — the quick and the dead."

I was walking across the road on the crosswalk by the fire hall in Ganges where a car stopped and waited, but beside them on the outside was a car coming at me and not stopping, but attempting to pass the stopped vehicle.

I jumped back so I wouldn't get hit, and let out a yell and a shrill whistle that caught the driver's attention, who rolled down the window and apologized and stopped right across the intersection so I could walk around the front bumper to the other side of the road.

VIEW POINT

I noticed a person at the gas station who saw the whole thing with an aghast look on her face, possibly thinking if I hadn't had fast reflexes I would have been knocked down — and that would have been the case!

This is the second time this kind of incident has happened to me in Ganges at the fire hall crossing.

In fact, often I have seen cars speed up to get through that crosswalk on Salt Spring to beat the pedestrian that is already occupying the crosswalk.

That is a road safety violation and I hope the RCMP will keep

an eye out for offenders. Also, the offended should speak up and call the RCMP with the licence plates of the offenders, if possible.

I also want to draw attention to previous write-ups on this subject in the Driftwood where people have complained about the shabby driving habits on the island with respect to pedestrians.

Some have the idea that cars have the right-of-way. Not so!

As far as I know it is still law that the pedestrians have the right-of-way. In fact, right-of-way is a legal term. Maybe we need a refresher here.

There are times when you must yield the right-of-way. This means you must let another person go first.

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- At any intersection where you want to turn left or right, you must yield the right-of-way.

If you are turning left, you must wait for approaching traffic to pass or turn, and for pedestrians in your path to cross. If you are turning right, you must wait for pedestrians to cross if they are in your path.

- A yield sign means you must

slow down or stop if necessary and yield the right-of-way to traffic in the intersection or on the intersecting road.

- When entering a road from a private road or driveway, you must yield to vehicles on the road and pedestrians on the sidewalk.

- You must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians crossing at specially marked pedestrian crossings.

Remember, signalling does not give you the right-of-way. You must make sure the way is clear.

I hope this will help bring an awareness and that Salt Springers will pay attention to this increasing problem.

The writer is a registered massage therapist practising on Salt Spring.

Month-long BCUC hearing probes two power options

By JACKIE TRUSCOTT

What has so far been a year-long process to provide Vancouver Island with more power has now reached the formal hearing stage.

The British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) hearings started on Monday, February 6, in Vancouver.

The hearings will evaluate two proposals: one for an AC overhead high-voltage transmission line 20 times more powerful than the existing one, from Delta through Tsawwassen and the Gulf Islands to Duncan; the other for an underground HVDC Light™ cable on a route through White Rock then submarine to the Saanich Peninsula.

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Much has been heard in the news about the negative effects of the BCTC propos-

al on Tsawwassen residents, but the Gulf Islands are also affected. In a December 2004 Ipsos-Reid survey, 90 per cent of respondents agreed that the Gulf Islands are a special part of British Columbia and should be preserved and protected for all British Columbians.

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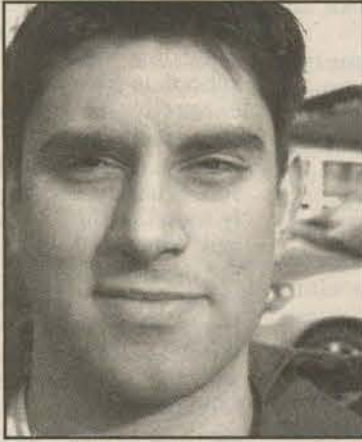
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Braeden Bigham

Some flowers and a fine dinner followed up by a sunset cruise might be a nice idea.



Sheridan Cass

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Letters to the Editor

Sweet reason

Recently I started a letter to the editor asking those who either voted in favour of borrowing money to keep the library on its present site, or those who were fooled by the language of the referendum and by mistake voted in favour of borrowing money to keep the library on its present site, to walk into the library and take some deep whiffs of the sick air in that building.

I was recommending the fiction section in the "P" area where the air is so foul I almost had to hold my breath while looking for a novel by Elizabeth Perry.

I had commented further that because so many people were confounded by the wording of the referendum [when surely a footnote of explanation would have solved the problem which anyone reading it in advance of the referendum could have foreseen], the vote was hardly an exercise in democracy.

However — I have learned that the powers that be now wish to demolish the present structure and rebuild a new library from the ground up,

on the present site. Perhaps they are aware of the sick air, and possibly they have come to understand that a building erected from scratch will certainly be greatly preferable to an old building married, probably uneasily, to a new one.

I understand as well that there will be another referendum to give permission to borrow even more money so that this can be done.

All I can say is — wonderful! Perhaps there is still going to be time to bring people to their senses, so that we can build that new structure from the ground up on ground we already own.

It's not a fait accompli after all. Please someone — start a petition. Or, start more than one. I'll sign! E-mail petitions also work. Faxes work. One of the things I've learned during my 6.5 years on Salt Spring is that when enough people speak, they are heard.

Grumbling will get us nowhere, but a strong show of public support may bring sweet reason back, on this issue at least.

TOBY FOUKS,
Sandpiper Place

Real work

Regardless of who you voted for, our work is only just beginning if we are to protect what is "Canada."

Unknown to most Canadians, our country could easily cease to be. No war, no time for mass protest, just cease to be. Elected officials and others in the past 50 years have set the stage for this to happen by allowing the sale of property, businesses and resources to foreign owners. The ultimate result of these actions is no different than that feared from acts of treason: we lose our country, freedoms and way of life.

Because our own government is the perpetrator, it is instead known as inevitable change within globalization. See www.canadians.org for more information.

Also important to note is that the creation of Canadian currency has been turned over to the private banking system, virtually a free-for-all, wherein the banks reap the incredible benefits at the cost of our social programs. The Bank of Canada may print the currency we call "cash," but it has only cre-

ated roughly five per cent of what makes up our entire current monetary system. When you borrow from your bank, you are not borrowing from other depositors such as yourself — the money lent is created by the bank at that moment! Private banks largely choose who will succeed and who will fail in Canadian business.

See www.comer.org for more information.

When I called MP Gary Lunn's office to see what may be done regarding monetary reform, I was told that the Conservative government had no interest in wasting time looking at a system that was working perfectly well.

I am, not by my own choice, living within Mr. Lunn's constituency. I was brought up to believe that our elected officials were in Parliament to bring our issues to the table, not merely to support those of their own "leaders." I'm hoping that in his fourth term in office Gary will take time out from carrying Mr. Harper's briefcase (January 25 Driftwood) to represent some of "our" issues.

Given their "clear minority government" status, I hope the voices of the other two thirds of Canadians won't be lost in the wake of the Conservative Alliance agenda.

Our work is to ensure our wishes are represented in government. Please phone, write, e-mail Gary's office to tell him what you think, what you want, what you expect him to represent on your behalf. Do it today!

DONN TARRIS,
Salt Spring

No peace

Border guards at the Peace Arch are to be armed with side-arms?

They'll be needing to change the name next I suppose.

Time for a Raging Gran- nies song.

USHA RAUTENBACH,
Salt Spring

Huge fan

I read with great delight your front-page article on roundabouts in your February 1 edition.

I have been a huge fan of roundabouts and traffic circles for many years, perhaps influenced by having lived

some time in Europe where they are common in a good number of countries. Roundabouts are a splendid traffic control and traffic-calming technique for both urban and rural areas.

The arguments in favour of roundabouts compared to traffic lights for low and medium density intersections are compelling.

These arguments are well articulated in your informative article. There is one additional advantage which comes to mind and that is the lessened impact on the environment since cars no longer pollute the air while immobilized at traffic lights.

Although I am a recent arrival on Salt Spring, the following intersections would seem to warrant consideration as candidates for a roundabout or a traffic circle: Central; Fulford-Ganges and Lower Ganges roads; Upper Ganges and Lower Ganges; and Lower Ganges-Rainbow.

DONALD P. MCLENNAN,
Margaret Avenue

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Gardeners must become responsible custodians of seeds

By **DAN JASON**

If it's not one thing, it's another or another or another.

Just when you think some battle is over and you can get on with your life, something else comes along before you've even had a chance to catch up.

We've lately had a lot of contentious concerns in our community and I don't know anyone who is not involved with some of them. I am a gardener/farmer who is especially irked by direct threats to the health of the people and the environment of the Gulf Islands.

However, in the midst of such personal concerns as high voltage power lines, Crofton mill emissions, gypsy moth spraying and new regulations on local meat production, I'm trying to stay focussed on seeds.

The issues around seeds are not so worrisome to most people as they are to me. To my mind, though, if we don't have seeds, we don't have anything. Seeds are the basis of our daily nourishment. If we grow seeds to really

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nourish us, we'll be fine. If we design seeds with poison in mind, I think we will end up poisoning ourselves.

To my mind, the industrial agriculture that supplies most of our meals these days is in the midst of self-destruction. As its unsustainable practices fall apart, the powers-that-be seem to be making even more extreme attempts to assert control, such as aerial spraying poisons on the people and land of Salt Spring Island or forcing small-scale meat producers to play by factory farming rules. Could the writing on the wall be any more blatant than the mass slaughters of birds and animals we are witnessing these days?

Yes it could. Step into the world of seeds, where our own Canadian government has been the pusher

of seeds that are genetically modified to produce sterile offspring. Aply called "terminator seeds," the U.S. government co-owns the patent on these seeds. Terminator seeds endanger a 10,000-year-old tradition of seed saving on this planet and, in doing so, they threaten the very nature and quality of the food we eat.

While our own federal government last year was trying to overturn the international moratorium on terminator technology, Monsanto Corporation was busy becoming the number one seed producer in the world. Monsanto's stated mandate is to totally control the world's food supply. Enough to say, without enumerating any of their infamous tactics, they are scarily well along in their mission.

From my viewpoint, our heritage of seeds is threatened like never before and it's a question of whether we'll have any left, after much of the infrastructure of our culture unravels.

There are now very few farmers

and very few seed companies in Canada that grow their own seed. In a book I've just written, *Saving Seeds As If Our Lives Depended On It*, I argue that it's time gardeners took over the custodianship of our seeds. Amazingly, it's already becoming a reality thanks to the Seedy Saturdays that have sprouted in cities and towns across the country.

Salt Spring Island was the third place in Canada, after Vancouver and Victoria, to host a Seedy Saturday. It has become an event that, every second Saturday in February, is eagerly anticipated by our gardening community. It is an opportunity to share successes and failures, to support local seed companies and related enterprises as well as to exchange or buy local seeds. There are always great speakers and excellent films.

This February 11, Salt Spring's 11th-annual Seedy Saturday will be held at the Farmers Institute from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Seed and Plant Sanctuary for Canada will again have a table

at Seedy Saturday. This is a Salt Spring project whose mandate is to become a living gene bank of all the food and medicinal plants that can be grown in Canada. It is a charitable organization dedicated to the health and vitality of the earth through the preservation and promotion of heritage seeds.

2005 was the sanctuary's third year. We are now maintaining large collections of lettuces, tomatoes, peppers, garlic, beans, grains, greens and herbs. We have over 100 seed custodians across Canada who are also preserving our seed varieties.

Come on by our table on Seedy Saturday and check out all the fascinating seeds that are available to you as a member of the sanctuary.

Salt Spring's 11th-annual Seedy Saturday promises to be the seediest yet. See you at the Farmers Institute.

The writer runs Salt Spring Seeds and is the president of the Salt Spring Sanctuary Society.

More letters

Gardeners' hands

The package arrived from Victoria in late summer. I held eight glossy bean seeds and a written request. If we could germinate these beans in our garden, asked Wayne, the sender of the package, would we be willing to grow them out for seed?

I recalled meeting Wayne at the Ganges market in June when he stopped by our vegetable stand to tell me a story. Before Wayne's father died, the avid gardener and seed saver entrusted his favourite bean seeds to his son. But Wayne's attempts to germinate the seeds were un-

successful and he was looking for help.

As I read the letter reminding me of our meeting, I knew I held more than a few simple beans in my hand. Each speckled brown seed carries the wisdom of our ancestors. Heirloom seeds like these have adapted over time to farms and gardens around the world, selected by those who grow them for taste, nutrition, disease resistance and a host of other properties.

In the context of global agriculture, heirloom or open-pollinated seed is a dying breed. Corporate concentration in the seed industry favours hybrids, which

foster consumer dependence and guarantee a profit.

Last year a shift occurred in the seed industry that fills me with unease. In a move unbeknownst to many, Monsanto, the controversial biotech firm synonymous with genetically engineered crops, purchased Seminis, the world's largest supplier of fruit and vegetable seeds. Monsanto has since crept into our supermarkets and seed catalogues, enveloping consumers, commercial growers and backyard gardeners in one fell swoop.

I believe the future of open-pollinated seed lies in the hands of gardeners, small-scale farmers and local seed companies. Collectively, we need to grow, select and save our own vegetable seeds and then make those seeds available to others. In this year's West Coast Seeds catalogue, president Mary Ballon refers to the rising price of fossil fuels and its inevitable impact on the cost of food, and urges her gardening friends to adopt a vegetable.

This week's Seedy Saturday is a chance to do just that. I, for one, will be there with a handful of bean seeds. Perhaps someone will be able to identify the variety. Maybe someone still grows them. I'd feel better knowing that Wayne's seeds weren't the last of their line. In case they don't germinate for me this summer, I'd like to believe there's still hope for an elder seed saver's favourite bean.

MELANIE PLATZ
Salt Spring Island

Double standard

Two years ago in the summer, my cousin Rick came to our family "get together," which has been held at Drummond Park since long before it was Drummond Park.

Rick set up his tent just to the left of the boat launch ramp on a nice little flat spot under the cedars. That evening a police officer came to his campsite and told him he had to move because he was not allowed to camp on park property. Being a good

citizen, Rick moved on in spite of the fact that we had used that spot many times in the past.

For over a month now that very spot has been used as a campsite by the Freedom Camp people. There have been numerous complaints to police and other local government people, and one person is still there. Why the double standard?
DAVID ROLAND,
Fulford

SOLID report

Editor's note: SOLID members Andrea Palframan and Gary McNutt, and young Kina and Marley, are in Lesoto and South Africa. Following is an excerpt from a recent e-mail message written by Andrea.

I'm writing on a rainy day, which isn't very exotic to you lot on the West Coast. Here, rain is a reprieve from the heat, and is gratefully received by everyone.

Arriving at the end of a four-year drought feels auspicious; Kina received her Sesotho name, Pule, which means "rain." The words for "rain" and "prosperity" are nearly synonymous in the Sotho language, and a common greeting is "Pula, Nala, Kgotsoe," which translates as "Rain, Peace, Prosperity."

We left Jo'burg and the Vaal last Sunday. The driver, Jacob, is the director of the Evaton West Community Development Forum (EWDCF), the group SOLID has been working with to create community gardens. He brought along Alice, who is the volunteer office administrator at EWDCF; she had never been more than an hour away from her township home. It was doubly thrilling to race past fields of sunflowers, maize, and cabbage, and feel the first swells of mountains rising out of the flat plains of the Vaal . . .

We finally made it up the deeply rutted road up to Rustlers' Valley, our home for the next three months. Waking up the next morning, we found ourselves in this incredible rondavel style house, with a thatched roof, triangular windows and

stone furniture. Kina likens it to the houses of the three little pigs; straw, sticks, and stone.

The indigenous home style is perfect for this climate, of course; warm enough in cool weather, and nice and cool in the summer. The walls are an ochre red and smoothly contoured into organic ledges and shelves. And the garden is a working permaculture scene, no rows to be seen, but filled with good things to eat, giant lavender "trees," and small fruit trees with growing peaches and apples.

We made our first journey into Lesotho on Tuesday with Mike, the permaculture farmer who has been the consultant on SOLID's tree nursery project at Molapo High School. After a smooth border crossing into Lesotho, we found ourselves in the "other" Africa. South Africa, particularly the Free State where we are living, can be so tidy and groomed and prosperous you would never believe there was any poverty. But Lesotho is an immediate shift.

Kina stared silently out the window as we passed the town of Maputsoe, where shops consist of sheets of tin propped up against each other, and children stand ragged in the street. This is the town where the Chinese textile factories are concentrated, sort of "maquiladoras" that produce goods for the western market with the cheap and available Basotho labour . . .

"Look! Trees!" calls Mike from the front seat. And yes, there, on the side of the road, are little pine seedlings about one metre high, leading the way up to Molapo High School. These lovely little trees, beacons of hope, surround the school and will one day provide shade for children on their walks to and from school. We park right in the school courtyard and pile out, greeted warmly by N'date Moses Paule, the school headmaster, and N'date Elias, the agriculture teacher. They take us to the tree nursery that SOLID helped to build last spring; it is standing strong and contains rows and rows of tiny pine and blue gum tree seed-

lings.

We wander through the schools' thriving gardens, with a maize field that produces so much corn the school is able to sell the excess to the community and raise funds for their orphaned students. In the school library, Moses proudly shows us the 25 spanking new Windows XP computers the school has been given by an NGO called School-Net. And in walks Gregory, the Peace Corps volunteer who has been assigned to Molapo. He is a youngish guy with a sincere interest in permaculture, and has been resourceful enough to score a grant of \$6,000 to improve the school's irrigation system. His plans to build a dam and install a drip irrigation system for the gardens and tree nursery are ambitious and well-thought out. We arrange to meet in a week's time to meet with Ministry of Forestry personnel, who have promised to buy the trees that are produced at Molapo in time for National Arbour Day, which is March 21. . . .

While at the Sisters of the Holy Name convent in downtown Leribe . . . in walk Peter [Bardon] and Peggy [Frank from Salt Spring]; what a delightful, emotional re-union! Since we last shared breakfast with them in Victoria the morning after the opening ceremonies for our 8,000 crosses exhibit at the University of Victoria, they have been to Rwanda, Zimbabwe, South Africa and now Lesotho. They look wonderfully well; full of stories and enthusiasm, they are so rooted in their love for Africa and their purpose here.

Coming home to Rustlers, this ancestral valley, we notice a little prayer on the wall of our hut:

"The valley spirit never dies —

It is the woman, Primal Mother.

Her gateway is the root of Heaven and Earth;

It is like a veil, barely seen.

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This ancestral spirit guides us in all we do. All we need to do is listen. Thank you all for helping us on our way.

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We are very excited! The 2nd Residence at Heritage Place, Arbutus House, is now finished and open for viewing every Saturday 1 - 3 pm or at other times, by appointment. Please join us for a tour of our new Residence and to see our show suite. There are Studio, One Bedroom and Two Bedroom Suites available.

Heritage Place is not a care home. Heritage Place provides independent living accommodation for seniors who seek an easier lifestyle. All suites are ground level with a private patio. The suites are beautifully appointed with lots of windows for maximum light and the building is wheelchair friendly. The central common area in each Residence is luxuriously furnished and consists of a large kitchen where the evening meal is prepared; an intimate dining room and a beautiful lounge with propane fireplace and entertainment system. The Resident Homemaker, living on the second floor, provides the services of the House. The menu is diverse and the food is delicious with everything from bread and soup to desserts homemade on the premises. Dietary needs can be addressed.

The monthly rent includes everything except your telephone bill. It includes:

- * Weekly cleaning of your suite
- * Weekly linen laundry
- * Lifeline emergency system
- * Evening meal
- * Water, cablevision
- * Garbage, hydro
- * Maintenance of building & grounds
- * Insurance on building

There are 3 more Residences to be built to complete the village at Heritage Place. The "Gatehouse", the administration building for the project, is under construction at the entry now. All Residences will be connected by a covered walkway. The location is superb, adjacent to the Seniors Centre and Lady Minto Hospital, with shopping right across the road.

There is no obligation to being on the waiting list. To reserve a specific suite in a specific building, a refundable \$100 fee is requested. Balsam House has been in full operation since the summer. Come and see for yourself why the residents are so happy!

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Immune system master unveiled

A free talk by an immune system expert comes to Mahon Hall on Wednesday, February 15.

Dr. William Code, who was diagnosed with a chronic illness in 1996, will share his "compelling personal journey to wellness through diet and nutrition, and how and why we can focus on nutritional-based rather than drug-based interventions," states a press release.

By living in an increasingly toxic environment, illness is on the rise.

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Code promotes the benefits of glutathione, the human body's own master anti-oxidant that defends against attacks from free radicals, viruses, bacteria, toxins and radiation, and slows the aging process.

Seats are available by calling Patricia Taylor at 537-0798.

Valentine's fundraiser aims to fill Copper Kettle



IN SURVIVAL MODE: Lisa Owen, left, and Cherie Geuvreau with a few pieces of the survival kits created by the Copper Kettle Community Partnership. The group is collecting donations on Valentine's Day outside of Ganges Village Market. Photo by Gail Sjuberg

By GAIL SJUBERG
Staff Writer

Lisa Owen saw a whole new side of Salt Spring last winter when as a volunteer firefighter she worked on a committee formed to help the homeless.

Her interest was partially tied to concerns about fires being inadvertently set by people living in the bush, but she soon realized poverty and homelessness issues are much more complex than that.

"Being on the committee has really opened my eyes," said Owen last week.

Firstly, there's far more people living without secure shelter on Salt Spring than she could have imagined — with unofficial estimates between 75 and 125 — a huge number when one considers some 700 people are believed to be homeless in Victoria.

Owen has also learned about the challenges many face when trying to stay warm and dry through a Salt Spring winter.

On the other hand, she's also discovered that everyone can do something to make a positive difference in the life of another individual or family.

"You don't have to be rich to help out," said Owen, and any gift of time, skills, ideas

or items can and will be used by the Copper Kettle Community Partnership — an active non-profit networking organization that matches needs with donated resources.

Cherie Geuvreau is the founding heartbeat behind Copper Kettle. Whenever she talks about the group, she can't help but rattle off the names and deeds of dozens of people and businesses who have contributed to the cause, or show the large fold-out card listing an army of willing supporters.

"We rely totally on the generosity of Salt Spring Islanders," she said.

So far that goodwill has achieved amazing things: a community woodpile that saw nine and a half cords given to single parent families and fixed-income seniors this year, and the Good Works Employment Program, where participants were paid in Salt Spring Dollars for tasks such as massive rounds of broom-pulling.

Through "deep discounts" and donations from businesses and groups, several "survival kits" have been assembled and given to individuals needing the basics to get through a stint outdoors.

Part of the kit is a clay flower pot (acquired from Foxglove), three pennies and some tea-lights that combine to make a safe and

effective heater.

To ensure Copper Kettle's work can carry on, volunteers will be collecting funds on Tuesday, February 14 outside of Ganges Village Market from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Geuvreau notes that \$10 buys a hugely appreciated GVM food voucher, 22 showers at Mrs. Clean or a cab ride for a senior.

Survival kits need \$100 worth of goods.

"We haven't even scratched the surface of the real need," said Geuvreau, pointing to struggles faced by the island's working poor. While the food bank does a wonderful job, they observe, many working people cannot make it there on the Tuesday distribution day, which is why Copper Kettle has met over 200 requests for supplemental food.

Items such as sleeping bags in good condition, tents, toiletries and warm clothes — with a special call for warm socks — are always welcomed.

And beneficiaries shouldn't feel indebted, stresses Owen, they just need to pass on the gift to another.

"Don't pay it back," she said. "Pay it forward."

Anyone wanting more information or to donate to Copper Kettle can call 537-5863, or drop by the GVM on February 14.

NORMAN IS COMING!
(lock up your daughters!)

WHAT'S ON This Week?
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Islands Trust

Islands Forum 2006 Tourism

Thursday, March 30
5.00 pm–9.00 pm

Friday, March 31
8.00 am–3.30 pm

Quw'utsun' Cultural and Conference Centre
200 Cowichan Way, Duncan, BC

Are you interested in tourism in your community? Would you like to discuss this topic with other islanders? Does tourism affect you? How can we enhance benefits and manage impacts?

The Islands Trust Council is hosting a forum to discuss tourism, identify options for managing tourism in the Trust area and enhance community understanding about the ability of local governments to address tourism topics.

Program and registration information is available through the Islands Trust website at www.islandstrust.bc.ca, through Islands Trust offices on Gabriola Island, Salt Spring Island and in Victoria. Or by e-mail to forum2006@islandstrust.bc.ca; phone: 250.405.5161; or call toll free via Enquiry BC in Vancouver 604.660.2421, elsewhere in BC 1.800.663.7867 and ask to be transferred to Marie Smith at the Islands Trust office in Victoria. There is a registration fee of \$26.75 (with GST), which includes the forum and three meals. This fee is payable upon registration.

To reserve your place at the forum, please register by Wednesday, March 15. Late registrants will be placed on a waiting list.

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Here's why you should become a Legion member

- To belong to a national organization that supports Canadian veterans and promotes "Remembrance".
- To support your community through Legion programs and activities.
- For friendship and recreation.
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- To have access to a great list of discounted products and service through the Legion's Member Benefits Package.
- To receive Legion Magazine six times a year.

Join us at the local branch

Most branches have halls or lounges and other recreational facilities where members can enjoy regular and holiday social events and activities.

These facilities are also open to the community at large for special functions. Members' in-house sports programs include darts, cards, shuffleboard, curling and golf - some on a national scale.

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A big bouquet of pink roses for ultrasound tech Judith. Thanks so much for going above and beyond. VD and IH

Roses and heartfelt thanks, Chris, for being so caring of our sweet cat Blanca. Sorry we missed you, but thanks for returning her pink collar. Roses also to all who stopped to be with us. We are newcomers to SSI — what a good feeling to live where others are so thoughtful. The Ms

Many roses to B.C. Hydro crews, who must have worked all night several times — when did they sleep? It's really good for us;

we take so much for granted, so we do appreciate their quickness. SS

Seventy roses to all members of the hospital auxiliary, representing one for each year they have supported the Lady Minto Hospital and all of our patients. Recently, their generous support enabled us to furnish the new palliative care suite — a wonderful gift which transformed a hospital room into a home for terminally ill patients and their families.

Roses and more to all those who helped me at the accident January 30 — the two guys in trucks who were first on the scene; Mitch, Dale and the other firefighters and police; Nancy and Drew (ambulance); Amy,

Chris, Karen H, and Dr. Berg (at Lady Minto Hospital); friends Ida Marie Threadkell, Barb Turner, Catherine Bennett and all those who have offered assistance and rides. I feel so incredibly lucky to live on Salt Spring! Thank you. GS

For Timothie Hill, Salt Spring's latest, greatest hair stylist, an armful of tulips, daffodils and hyacinths — all the best that our early West Coast season has to offer. Thanks for the wonderful new cut and colour; compliments have come like spring showers. SP

Roses to GVM, Rick and Yanick — you are great. Thrift Shop committee

Roses to the wonderful people who not only found our dog but also had the patience and understanding to use binoculars to read the phone number on her collar when she wouldn't come close. Thank you! C&M

Roses to Doug and Telus. Thanks for fixing our line on Sunday. Also thanks to whoever turned my iPod in at North End Fitness. LO

A bouquet of roses to Ian and Richard for taking the tree off our roof and out of our skylight on a miserable night, leaving us warm and dry. Thanks a million. A&J

Thank you to fireman Mark Wyatt, who was very helpful in turning me around last Tuesday at Cusheon Lake.

An overflowing bucket of roses to good friend Jonathan Dinsdale whose excavator helped save the day and my home when flood waters started to rise on Saturday afternoon.

Trust passes ticket bylaw

Salt Spring's new trustees rang in an era of law and order by passing the island's ticketing bylaw at a Local Trust Committee meeting last week.

Under Bylaw 410, fines will range from \$100 to \$210 for zoning violations contravening Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw No. 355.

Trustee George Ehring said proceeding with the ticketing bylaw marks an important step toward ensuring the island's zoning regulations get the respect they deserve.

"This will allow us to address the concerns about the need to enact enforcement in other ways than moral suasion or taking someone to court," Ehring said.

Because Bylaw 410 is an "administrative" bylaw, no public hearing is required.

Ehring said the fines and offences covered are consistent with municipal ticket lists across the province.

Trust regional planning manager John Gauld said the bylaw will ensure the 10 per cent of unresolved bylaw enforcement cases can be dealt with.

Fines will be levied for each day a violation is left unaddressed, but officers are under no obligation to write out tickets, he added.

"The ticketing bylaw is rather a tool to be used at the discretion of the bylaw enforcement officer," said Gauld.

"The Trust will continue to seek voluntary compliance, but would pursue levying fines in cases where violators refused to heed the warnings."

The 140-offence list is available at the Ganges Trust office.



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Souvlaki: A Greek fast food (the hamburger of Greece) consisting of small pieces of meat and vegetables broiled on a stick. The word souvlaki is a diminutive of souvla (skewer). Souvlaki may be served wrapped in a pita with garnishes and sauces or it may be served on a dinner plate with salad and/or pilaf. The meat can vary—lamb, pork, beef, chicken or even fish. Greek food is classic peasant fare. It is simple to prepare and elegant in presentation, offering a wide variety of colours, flavours & textures. Cooking and enjoying Greek food are acts of discovery. The experience is a simple yet a rich & flavourful journey through time.

Quarter and separate **1/2 red onion, 1 green pepper, Cube 1 lb. lamb, chicken, pork or beef.** Divide into four portions. On skewers, alternate meat and vegetables. If you like you can also add & alternate **3 cherry tomatoes** per skewer. Set aside.

Combine in a bowl to form a marinade **1/4 c. red wine, 1/4 c. olive oil, 2 tablespoons lemon zest, 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice, 2 cloves crushed garlic, 3 tsp. oregano, 1 tsp. mint, salt & pepper to taste.** Marinate skewered meat and vegetables in a shallow pan in the refrigerator for at least two hours or, preferably, overnight. Broil or grill skewered ingredients 7 min each side. Just before serving, brush with a little **concentrated lemonade.**

Brush **4 pitas** with a little **olive oil** and sprinkle with **garlic powder.** Place under the grill to lightly brown on each side and heat through. For each souvlaki remove the skewer by rapping the pita bread around the souvlaki ingredients and pulling the skewer out. Serve with a spoonful of prepared **tzaziki sauce.**

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Event cultivates earthy relationships

By SEAN MCINTYRE
Staff Writer

Around these parts it's a green thumb, not a groundhog, that marks the arrival of spring.

And if this weekend is any indication, it's closer than you think.

Beginning on Saturday at 10 a.m., gardeners, seed collectors and "foodies" of all stripes are invited to attend the 11th-annual Seedy Saturday event at the Farmers Institute on Rainbow Road.

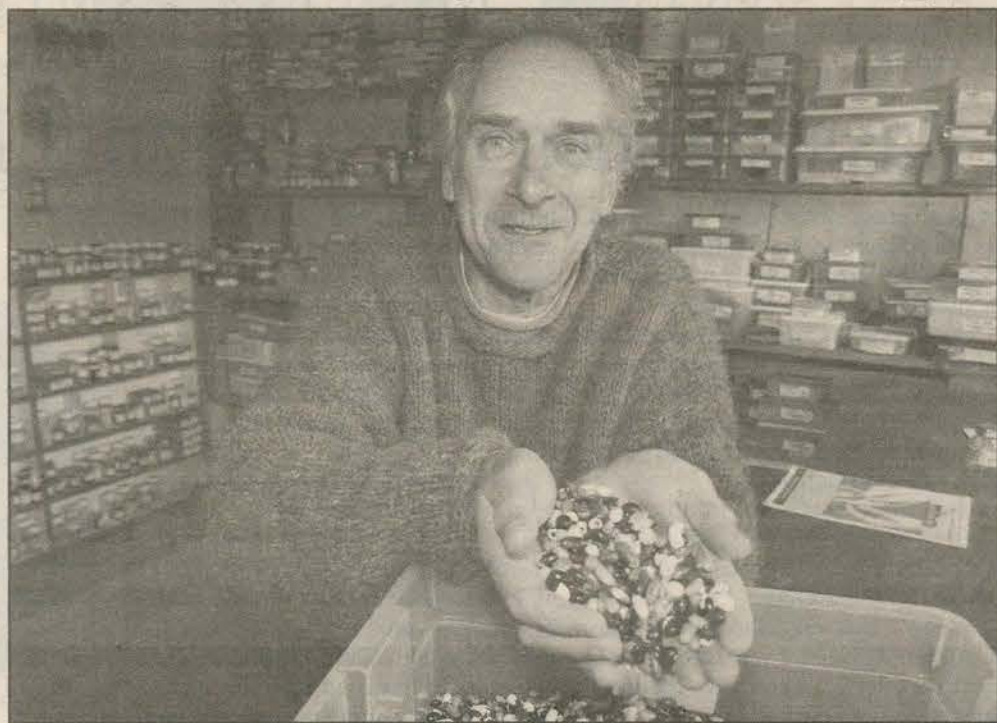
Participants will have the opportunity to look over thousands of seed varieties, visit the farmers' market and get the scoop on the latest gardening news.

The event will feature talks on winter gardening, the hottest trends in gardening tools and a how-to clinic on seed collecting.

"The best part of the day is getting to chat with other gardeners from the island and beyond," said seed collector Marsha Goldberg. "This is the one time of year when we gardeners can all get to meet up because we are usually so busy working in our yards."

For Goldberg, Seedy Saturday is a chance for people to develop a love with the food they eat, an increasingly important relationship in an age where concern about health, resources and genetic modification encourage people to pay closer attention to what's on their plate.

"Get to know your cabbage," she said during a recent break from tilling the



DIVERSITY IN HAND: Seed-saving proponent Dan Jason shows an abundance of bean seeds in preparation for the 11th annual Salt Spring Seedy Saturday, which runs at the Farmers Institute on February 11.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

soil on her Eagle Ridge Drive farm. "It's time to remember what community farming is all about."

Eleven years ago, Vancouver area volunteers started Seedy Saturday to foster local gardening and preserve biodiversity, and for the past five years, coordinator Cora Platz has taken charge of the Salt Spring event, among the earliest in what has in recent years become a nationwide tradition.

With the growing popularity of "slow food" and organics, Platz said, Salt Spring is

an ideal place to highlight the push for increased local production of healthy produce that just tastes so much better than what the public has grown accustomed to.

With hundreds of species disappearing every year, it is more important than ever to look into preserving lesser-known varieties, even if that means getting the message across one garden at a time, she added.

"Even people with limited space can try something out of the ordinary by planting some heritage seeds this

spring," she said.

Following the Seedy Saturday events, guests are invited to sit in on the Seed Sanctuary's annual general meeting at 4 p.m.

The sanctuary is a Salt Spring-based government-approved non-profit organization led by Marsha Goldberg and Dan Jason. The group's 150 members strive to collect and preserve seeds from around the world.

For more information on the day's event, visit www.seedysaturday.com and www.seedsanctuary.com.

Fun, creative ESL course heard far and wide



Susan Bracher
with some of her students.

Photo contributed

When Susan Bracher describes the content of her conversational English course that gets underway on February 21, it sounds like a potpourri of enticing arts and culture — not a pressure-filled language course.

That may be in part because the course is all about "sounds" and how to make them, and not the written word.

Students in the eight-Tuesday session called We Talk: English as a Second Language, which is offered through Salt Spring Community Education, will make all kinds of sounds in a natural, fun and creative way, and leave the grammar texts at home.

"I'll draw on my background in the arts to create exercises that will get them

to speak the language aloud," explained instructor Bracher. "There's no written work or grammar rules."

Instead, students will explore poems, including the limericks of Edward Lear, practise joke-telling skills and sing some Canadian songs in rounds.

They will recite a classic and amusing Chekhov play and use vocal, drama and acting exercises.

She will also use her knowledge of Waldorf practices such as eurythmy to help with pronunciation, linking physical gestures with sounds.

"If they ground the language in their body, it's more of an integrated, holistic approach."

Bracher also hopes the course will help participants bump up their volume.

"They will speak more clearly and loudly if they feel more confident, and the listener is then more confident in them."

The course is ideal for international students or people whose first language is not English who would like to improve their accent, become more fluent English speakers and gain appreciation — even true passion — for the language.

Bracher has a B.C. teaching certificate, a Bachelor of Education degree, a Masters in acting from York University, 25 years of teaching experience and she owned a music school in Toronto.

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Glass catches international limelight

Local glass artist Amy Buchwald has cut a figure in the international art scene with a piece recently selected for the prestigious *New Glass Review*.

"Every year they do a publication for the best in new glass and people send in slides and they judge them from there. It's a huge honour to get in. A lot of people try for a long time and never make it," said Buchwald.

New Glass Review is jointly published by the Corning Museum of Glass in the U.S. and the German periodical *Neues Glas* (New Glass).

"When I first read the letter [from *New Glass Review*], I was sure it was a rejection letter . . . Then I saw the word 'congratulations' and all I could do was make noises of shock and amazement for about an hour afterwards."

Buchwald's work was one of the 100 pieces selected after a juried competition melted down 2,429 entries submitted from 63 countries.

The *New Glass Review* has a large readership of galleries, educators, designers, art critics and collectors around the world, she said.

"It's a huge seal of approval for my work automatically because I've gotten in," Buchwald said.

She started making glass beads about six years ago before progressing

through platters and plates into glass sculptures over the last four years, she said.

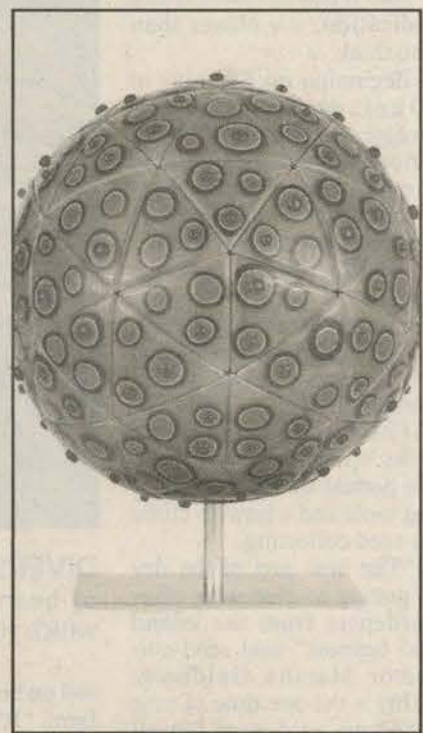
Her organic abstract sculpture called *Magnified* looks like a giant sub-atomic particle or seed pod fused out of vivid-green triangles that are adorned with black, white and cobalt-blue bubble cells.

It's an example of a new series she's been working on, she said.

The spherical sculpture is constructed of 80 curving facets, each made up of 15 carefully cut and ground pieces of specially produced glass. Four firings for each of the 80 pieces were necessary to form and shape the pieces, before being assembled into the final sphere.

Among her other accomplishments in the last few years, she's also shown work at the Pilchuck Auction for the Pilchuck Glass School (Seattle), Bulls-eye Glass Company's "E-merge" show/competition (Portland, Oregon) and Robert Bateman's "Parallels" show, where she received the People's Choice Award.

Though she isn't showing her work at any galleries on the island right now, images of her sculpture may be viewed on the web at amybuchwald-glass.com.



WINNING PIECE: Glass artist Amy Buchwald's sculpture *Magnified* has been selected for inclusion in the prestigious, international *New Glass Review*.

Photo by Charles Buchwald

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MUSIC MAGIC: Salt Spring Island Middle School music students (as well as a few Salt Spring Elementary School drummers such as Jacob Weir, above), showcased their skills in a variety of bands and ensembles at an ArtSpring concert on Thursday night. Below, trombone player Nicole Oakley helps create some music magic.

Photos by Derrick Lundy



Storytime fun promised at new library program

Children aged six and under are invited to explore the wonderful world of books and the joy of reading with "Ms. S." at Salt Spring's library.

Arleen Sadler will present stories, songs and movement on five consecutive Wednesdays, from February 15 to March 15, from 10:30-11 a.m.

The lively program is called Storytime Fun with Ms. S. Children may be registered at the library, by phone (537-4666), or by e-mail: library@saltspring.com. A special gift awaits the first 10 registrants.

Meyers talents on tap

With a songwriting workshop, concert, and sneak preview of his new book, producer/songwriter Ramesh Meyers showcases a variety of talents in two upcoming events.

The first songwriting session is at 7 p.m. on Monday, February 13, with additional ones on February 27, March 13 and March 27. The fifth annual workshop provides an opportunity for budding songwriters to explore the genre and have their work critiqued with master songwriters. Special guest on the February 27 session is rock music legend Bill Henderson.

"The workshop is fun, relaxed, a safe environment, and it's appropriate for all levels," said facilitator Meyers. "We had a participant last year who would bring in two songs a week, and if you have never written a song, you can still come and get a deeper appreciation of songs and music, and, if you would like to, write a song or two."

In addition to the workshop series, Meyers is also presenting a book reading and concert at Lions Hall on Saturday, February 11 at 8 p.m. The reading is a sneak preview of his work in progress about the pop music scene in the late '70s and the creation and eventual demise of Meyers' band "the Scenics."

"I have been writing a book about 1976-1982, the years when Patti Smith and the Ramones and Talking Heads surfaced and that whole wave of music and creativity hit the mainstream," said Meyers. "It is also a history of a band I was in called the Scenics, an experimental new wave band that had many adventures over a six-year period while repeatedly bumping up against the bottom of the pop industry radar..."

The concert will also feature Victoria-based songwriter Christina Grondin, a graduate of last year's workshop, and Donn Tarris, who will accompany Meyers on bass and slide guitar.

Tickets are \$10 at Acoustic Planet and the door.

Participants enrolled in the songwriting workshop will receive two tickets to the February 11 event.

For more information, call Meyers at 537-2294, or visit www.allowedsound.com.

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Bang! Explore percussion instruments with Laurent Boucher

Friday, February 17, 2:30 to 3:30
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Random Nest: weave a colourful nest with Melanie Thompson

Friday, February 24, 10:00 to 12:00
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Looming Large: weave your own scarf in this two-day workshop.

Day 1: Friday, March 3, 10:00 to 2:30
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Painting in the Town with Christina Johnson

Paint a huge mural on a banner to be displayed at the Ganges Fire Hall.

Day 1: Friday, March 3, 11:00 to 2:00
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Between the Covers

Bring your favourite book to inspire your creativity, with Suzanne Predergast. Later visit the library to see your artwork in a special exhibition.

Friday, March 17, 9:00 to 12:00
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Friday, March 31, 10:00 to 12:00
Ages 6 and up; Max. 12 (AS11)

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Intuitive creations on tap in parlour quilts display

By **TANYA LESTER**
Driftwood Contributor
Cozying up to an eclectic sample from one of the largest Canadian quilt collections at ArtSpring this weekend could be the answer for those last-leg-of-winter blues.

The Family Jewels: Parlour Quilts of the 19th Century exhibit, presented by Stitches Quilt Shop in association with collector Jim Erickson, provides a rare opportunity to view a variety of stunning decorative styles, including crazy quilts, silk log cabin and mosaic quilts.

Erickson chose the ArtSpring galleries in which to display his quilts because it is the biggest island venue. Still, it will hold only a fraction of the 300 quilts he has in his possession in storage trunks, which he calls the "Florence Erickson Collection," in honour of his mother who occasionally quilted herself.

Erickson said 40 per cent of his collection is Canadian, with most originating in the country's oldest provinces — Quebec and Ontario — where quilting has been established for the longest time period.

The decorative quilts collected by this south-end Salt Spring resident were never intended to be used on a bed to provide warmth. Instead, he said, it was the fashion in the past to drape them over furniture in the parlours of middle and upper-middle-class homes.

Erickson said the invention of the sewing machine in the 1870s allowed women to produce clothing more quickly, which gave them time to explore their creativity. Beautiful quilts were sometimes made by groups



STUNNING STITCHES: Different styles of quilts will be on display at ArtSpring this weekend.



of women working in "bees," but were more often produced by an individual.

Quilts tell numerous visual stories. The square blocks might depict a pattern from one decade while the backing is of a style popular many years later. Erickson explained that this suggests someone made the blocks, but never got around to finishing the quilt, so it was left for someone else's hands to

do years later.

Other quilts emphasize the colours of the Depression era: a medium green and pink.

Erickson marvels at these "intuitive creations" put together by ordinary people with no design or artistic training. He buys some quilts for their technical excellence, but most often he is interested in the visual quality.

Erickson remembers the first quilt he owned was given to him by an aunt when he left his small Minnesota farm community to attend university. He came to truly appreciate these quilts years later when he began hanging them in his office for his work on film shoots as a set decorator creating authentic period sets.

His work in movies such as *Seven Years in Tibet*, *Mississippi Burning* and *Snow Falling on Cedars* drew him to antique shops and markets all over the world in search of props. Quilts were among his discoveries.

This weekend's show will appeal to those who quilt, other artists, historians, collectors or anyone who enjoys looking at beauty, as well as those seeking temporary asylum from the winter blahs.

Family Jewels: Parlour Quilts of the 19th Century is open to the public on Saturday-Sunday, February 11-12, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Erickson will give a 2 p.m. talk both days to share the interesting historical and artistic details he has learned over the years.

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THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

Salt Spring Driftwood: Main Movie Breakout for Feb 8, 2006 to Feb 14, 2006

- WEDNESDAY, FEB 8**
- 6:00 PM
- 3 **Shaka Zulu (2005, Drama)** The story of the African warrior who united the peoples of Africa in resistance to colonization. *David Hasselhoff, Karen Allen (2h)*
- 14 **★ Ham and Cheese (2004, Comedy)** Two talentless actors endure auditions and humiliation in hopes of making it big. *Jason Jones, Mike Beaver (1h45)*
- 8:00 PM
- 3 **★★ Mémoires affectives (2004, Drama)** A man awakens from a coma and tries to cope with memory loss and strange images. *Roy Dupuis, Guy Thauvette (2h)*
- 24 **★ Major Payne (1995, Comedy)** A retired marine is assigned to train a group of misfits for the Junior Military Games. *Damon Wayans, Karyn Parsons (2h)*
- 9:00 PM
- 4 **Without Malice (2000, Suspense)** A weekend hunting trip takes a deadly turn when a forest ranger is murdered. *Gabrielle Anwar, Jennifer Beals (2h)*
- 13 **★★ American Wedding (2003, Comedy)** After proposing to Michelle, Jim enlists help from his friends to prepare for the big day. *Jason Biggs, Alyson Hannigan (2h)*
- 10:00 PM
- 14 **★★ Harrison's Flowers (2000, Drama)** When a journalist is reported dead in a building collapse, his wife travels to Yugoslavia looking for answers. *Andie MacDowell, David Strathairn (2h30)*
- 11:00 PM
- 3 **★★★ Monster (2003, Biography)** The life of Aileen Carol Wuornos, who was executed for killing seven men during the 1980s. *Charlize Theron, Christina Ricci (2h)*

- THURSDAY, FEB 9**
- 7:00 PM
- 3 **★★ Triggermen (2002, Crime Story)** A con man falls for a crime boss' daughter when he and his pal are mistaken for assassins. *Pete Postlethwaite, Donnie Wahlberg (1h45)*
- 8:00 PM
- 24 **★★ The Italian Job (2003, Action)** Thieves plan the heist of their lives by creating the largest traffic jam in L.A. history. *Mark Wahlberg, Charlize Theron (2h)*
- 8:45 PM
- 3 **★★ The Secret Lives of Dentists (2002, Drama)** A dentist's suspicions about his wife's infidelity affects his health and his family life. *Campbell Scott, Denis Leary (1h45)*
- 9:00 PM
- 13 **★ Final Destination 2 (2003, Thriller)** The only survivor of flight 180 teams up with a clairvoyant and a policeman to prevent more deaths. *Alli Larter, A.J. Cook (2h)*
- 29 **★★★ Lilies of the Field (1963, Drama)** An army veteran from the United States helps a group of East German nuns build a chapel. *Sidney Poitier, Lilia Skala (2h)*
- 10:00 PM
- 14 **★★ A Time to Kill (1996, Drama)** A lawyer defends a factory worker accused of killing the men who assaulted his daughter. *Matthew McConaughey, Samuel L. Jackson (3h)*
- 10:30 PM
- 3 **★★ The Chronicles of Riddick (2004, Sci-Fi)** An escaped convict searches for the secrets of his past while on an intergalactic crusade. *Vin Diesel, Judi Dench (2h)*

- FRIDAY, FEB 10**
- 6:00 PM
- 14 **★ The Affair (1995, Drama)** Scandal ensues when a black G.I. has a secret relationship with a married British woman. *Courtney B. Vance, Kerry Fox (2h)*
- 7:00 PM
- 3 **★★ Hide and Seek (2005, Thriller)** A widower worries when his daughter blames her imaginary friend for a series of mysterious acts. *Robert De Niro, Dakota Fanning (1h45)*
- 7:30 PM
- 19 **★★ Houseguest (1994, Comedy)** A man on the run from a bloodthirsty loan shark poses as a distinguished dentist. *Sinbad, Phil Hartman (1h30)*
- 8:00 PM
- 6 **Martin and Lewis (2002, Biography)** The tumultuous relationship between comedy entertainers Jerry Lewis and Dean Martin. *Sean Hayes, Jeremy Northam (2h)*
- 11 **★★★ Restoration (1996, Drama)** A doctor loses both wealth and favour when he falls in love with the king's mistress. *Robert Downey Jr., Meg Ryan (2h)*

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Young Cuban musicians to benefit from Caribena Night this Saturday

By GAIL SJUBERG
Staff Writer

Islanders can vicariously soak up some Caribbean rays at a fundraising night at Beaver Point Hall this Saturday, while helping young Cuban musicians practise their craft.

The Maiz Verde and Sirbassa Sounds co-production will see all funds raised purchase instruments and supplies such as guitar strings and reeds for the Conservatorio Amadeo Roldan, a music-oriented high school in Havana.

"Caribena Night" features two Salt Spring DJs from SirBassa Sounds, and the Victoria DJ Intrinsic playing everything from Latin beats to reggae grooves.

Visuals for the night will be done by Per Spectaro Illuminations.

Doors open at 8 p.m. Admission is \$10 at the door or free with a donation of a usable instrument.

Islander Lou Ellis started the Maiz Verde project about four years ago and has ensured a variety of instruments and supplies have ended up at the school and with talented musicians in need.

"Part of why I wanted to start this project is because the kids I have met who go to the music school where the majority of our instruments end up are so incredibly talented at such a young age, and the music they make with the instruments they are provided with is a testament to their dedication."

While the school facility is beautiful, it's "heartbreaking" to see the condition of their instruments.

She's always wondered what the young musicians could do with quality instruments.

She notes that the number of instruments provided is not the important thing.

"If I send two instruments, or if I was able to send 100 instruments in a year, I've done something. To me, the scale is not important. It's about slowly getting an instrument in somebody else's hands."

She has been able to personally deliver items in the past, but others travelling to Cuba have also done the same.

"Whenever people get in touch with me about going [to Cuba], I usually try to send something."

Cuba is becoming an increasingly popular vacation spot.

"It really is an amazing place, especially if you're interested in history, architecture, music, culture — and beaches, of course."

Ellis also loves the family-oriented Cuban society and the fact it's a safe place to take children for holidays.

Anyone who thinks they have an instrument or some supplies that could be used should call Ellis at 537-5075, or simply bring them to Caribena Night on Saturday.

"Cubans are very proud people and they don't tend to gush with 'thank you thank you' . . . but the look in their eyes tells you everything you need to know. They recognize what you have done for them and they are so appreciative. [The instruments] will be so well loved and used . . ."

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• Family Jewels Exhibition — Parlour Quilts of the Late 19th Century is a display featuring extraordinary examples of silk log cabin and mosaic quilts, comforters and antique

crazy quilts. This is the first of what will be a series of shows concentrating on the different styles and periods of North American quilt-making. Lectures will be given at 2 p.m. both days of the exhibit. February 11-12.

• When Denzal Sinclair walks on stage, eyes follow. When he starts to sing, magic begins.

Blessed with exquisite delivery and lyrical imagination, Denzal's trademark jazz is the joyfulness in his

voice and a special approach to phrasing a lyric or pushing or laying back on a beat. Sunday, February 12 (2:30 p.m.) (Garry Oaks Winery tasting at 1:30 p.m.)

• The exceptional artistry and brilliant virtuosity of pianist Janina Fialkowska have won her enthusiastic accolades from audiences and critics worldwide.

Heard in concert with the world's most prestigious orchestras and conductors, Janina possesses spectacu-

lar technique that makes the most demonic challenges seem like child's play. February 23 (8 p.m. with a pre-concert chat at 7 p.m.)

• Flamenco Rosario, a premier Flamenco company from Vancouver, presents renowned Argentinean dancer Marcela Suez in an evening of exciting, sensuous, authentic Flamenco dance. Joining Marcela in Cuadro Flamenco are dancers Rosario Ancer, Bonnie Stewart, Nanako Aramaki and Afifa Moxness with singer Jose Luis Perez, from Montreal, and guitarist Victor Kolstee. Saturday, February 25 (8 p.m.)



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From 'way cool' to 'jumping off walls,' e:motion2 was a hit

By **SUSAN LUNDY**
Staff Writer

The joy of last week's e:motion2 art exhibit was its wealth of diversity. The challenge was trying to pick favourites.

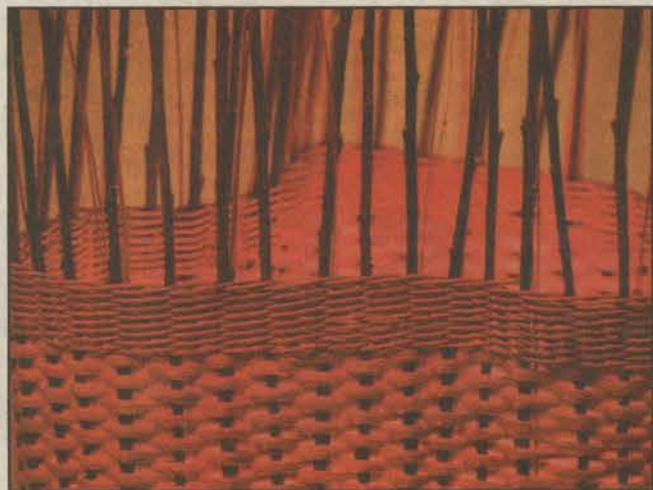
Running at ArtSpring until last Sunday, the multi-media e:motion2 gave art-lovers the full treatment by displaying a mesmerizing array of colour, texture, mood and feeling.

It also offered viewers a chance to participate by selecting their three favourite pieces.

Personally, I had to check out the show twice before I could bring myself to even pick up a pink judging form. I sneaked another look while waiting for the start of the middle school band concert, then I dragged a few kids around and asked what they thought. I also listened in as various other viewers perused the artwork.

The general consensus was: "This is amazing — what a wealth of talent." But the real thrill was to have so many media and styles gathered under one roof and then spaciouly displayed with enough forethought to feature each individual piece.

Artwork ranged from clay and papier mache to oils, watercolour, pastel, photography, fabric, basketry and mixed media.



LIGHT-HEARTED: Melanie Thompson's basketry lamp was among the many creative pieces found at ArtSpring's e:motion2 exhibit.
Photo by Derrick Lundy

And however difficult it was to pick favourites, I enjoyed how the process forced me to really look at the pieces. Ultimately, I did vote for my three choices, but in the meantime, I created some of my own categories.

Starting with the "way cool" category, I immediately slotted in Bill Rhodes' huge papier mache sculptures: a brightly-coloured and dramatic tango dancers at the front of the gallery and a fearsome-looking mosquito, stalking theatre-goers in the lobby. After ArtSpring tallied viewers' votes Monday, Rhodes' tango piece had made the "top six" list.

In the "art that soothes me" section, I liked the simplicity of Cliff Kelly's black and white computer graphic called *Misty Dual Landing*. Gail Sibley's two pastel pieces, tucked away on the second level by the main theatre door, called *Retired on Salt Spring* and *Moby's Marina* appealed to me for their juxtaposition of vivid, lively colour and a gentle, easy-going feeling. And Melanie Thompson's light-hearted, simple-yet-creative basketry lamp just made me feel happy.

Topping my "art-that-provokes" category were Aja Robb's bold oil-on-wood pieces called *Manamals* and

Taunting, both of which got the brain churning. Nearby was a silk fusion creation of a headless tattered gown and dried flowers by Ida Marie Threadkell. Called *Marie — Class of '75*, viewers could take away from it any number of symbolic messages.

In the "jumping off the walls" category, Steven Stairs' two Picasso-esque masks were also visual stand-outs and J. Sharkey Thomas' oil on linen called *Basket Case* was so realistic, I had to look closely to make sure it wasn't actual notices pinned on a bulletin board. (It also made ArtSpring's top six list.) Leaping off the wall as well was Ben Goodman's mixed media, wood and chain piece called *Collaboration #9*.

Several pieces called on me to stop and study them,

including Jo Lundstrom's interesting mixed-media piece called *Holy Crow!* (another top sixer); Ken Ketchum's motion-filled *Street Dancer*, created with coloured pencil and a digital photograph; Elna Gravelle's finely detailed fabric pillow box; and (also on the ArtSpring list) Susan Paynter's quilted *West Coast Treasure*.

I finally selected my favourite piece. Called *Sangoma Speaking With the Ancestor*, Heather Martin-McNabb's mixed-media mask was absolutely stunning.

I also marked down Donna Cochran's *Chesterman's Beach* basketry, which used layered sand and sea colours and textures to evoke a seaside scene.

Finally, I was drawn to two paintings, the first of which made my pink form, and the

second of which topped my "I would like to own" list.

Julia Lucich's *Yunan Elder* tugged at my irrepressible travel bug and reminded me of foreign places both seen and yet to discover. It used powerful contrasting greens and played light against darkness. (It was also named to the ArtSpring list.)

And David Auld's lovely painting *View from Churchill Beach* appealed to me mostly because I know and love the view spot, but also because it breathes of a salty-sunny summer day at the beach.

The final winning piece in the viewers' choice contest was Sekoya Dawn's bold painting called *Burgoyne Roots*.

Kudos to those who organized and entered the show: it was a feast for the eyes.

Album of the year performers at Barb's

The all-female folk and country band Barley Wik ushers in a foot-stomping Valentine's Day with a dance at Barb's Buns on Saturday, February 11.

Victoria-based Barley Wik is described as a band that "reinvents old-time music with an impressive collection of well-crafted original songs that reshape folk and country with a little twist of bluegrass."

As a press release explains, "Barley Wik's sound reflects

a musical style as diverse as their individual histories. The group's roots in the Saskatchewan prairie, small-town Ontario and 1960s British styles, and a strong tie to the land merge to create a singular sound that incorporates a range of musical forms. . . . All members are songwriters, and each brings a creativity and honesty to their music-making, which keeps it real."

Formed in 2002, Barley Wik has produced two inde-

pendently recorded and critically acclaimed CDs. Monday Magazine chose Triangle Mountain as the "most listenable CD" in 2004, while the group's latest release, *Dusty Lullaby*, was chosen album of the year at the Vancouver Island Music Awards.

The Valentine's Dance begins at 8 p.m. and the show opens with guest performer Julia Beattie.

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Salt Spring FOCUS ON SENIORS

Responsible patient chat takes place today

Seniors and anyone using medical services will be interested in a "fireside chat" led by Dr. Bob Crossland at Meadowbrook lounge today (Wednesday, February 8).

Crossland, whose talks always draw in enthusiastic crowds, will speak on "how to be a responsible patient."

The free event is open to people of all ages and stages of wellness and begins at 2 p.m.

Healthy discussion always results at Crossland's events.

Visitors can park in any Meadowbrook stall that does not have a number in it.

The talk was rescheduled from last December.

Crossland hit the media limelight last fall as spokesman for a group of former coroners decrying the state of the B.C. Coroners Service.

The situation followed news that 713 child death files were not properly investigated in B.C. due to provincial government budget cuts.

For advertising information on this monthly feature:



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Mammography van returns

The next dates for the Screening Mammography Mobile Van to visit Salt Spring have been announced.

The service will be available from Monday through Friday, March 6 to 10 by the Ganges provincial government building.

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<p>live entertainment</p> <p>Wednesday Nite Live. With host Richard Cross at Moby's Pub.</p> <p>other activities</p> <p>SS Zen Meditation Circle. Wednesdays at 210 Cedar Lane, 7-9 pm. Info: Rowan, 537-2831.</p> <p>Taoist Tai Chi Open House. And free introductory class. All Saints, 7 pm. Info: 537-1871.</p> <p>Bessie Dane Foundation & Hospice. Hand & Foot Massage presentation at monthly support meeting for members only. SS Seniors, 7:30 pm</p> <p>SS Historical Society. Mike Morris is guest speaker. Central Hall, 2 pm</p> <p>Ometepe Coffee. Volunteers meeting at Fulford Hall OAP Room, 2 pm</p>	<p>live entertainment</p> <p>Guitarist Don Ross. ArtSpring, 7 pm</p> <p>Matt & Tom's One-Night Stand. Moby's Pub</p> <p>Big Al & Tubob. Tree House S.</p> <p>Open Stage. Paul and a 6-string at Fulford Pub.</p> <p>other activities</p> <p>Beaver Pt. Scottish Country Dancing. Beaver Pt. Hall, 7 pm. Info: Pat, 537-0087.</p> <p>Jingui Golden Shield Qi Gong. 2172 Fulford-Ganges Road, 7 pm. 653-4864.</p> <p>Belly Dance. Ganges Yoga Studio, 7-8 pm</p> <p>Business Breakfast Club. Barb's Buns, 8 am</p> <p>STARS Program. for children with a family member coping with mental illness begins. Info: 537-9176.</p> <p>SS Ice Park Society. Portlock Park, 7 pm.</p> <p>4-H Community Club. Youth registration night at Farmers Institute upstairs meeting room, 7 pm</p>	<p>live entertainment</p> <p>Kris Hansen. White Boy Soul at Tree House South.</p> <p>Tom Hooper. At The Local, 6:30.</p> <p>other activities</p> <p>Rollerblading to Music. Fulford Hall, 7:30-9 pm</p> <p>Ready, Set, Learn. Phoenix Elementary Open House for 3 & 4-year-olds. 10 noon.</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em;">sat.</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">february 11</p> <p>live entertainment</p> <p>House Party with DJ Matt J. Moby's Pub.</p> <p>Barley Wik. Performs at Barb's Buns, 9 pm</p> <p>Ramesh Meyers with Donn Tarris. Special guest Christina Grondin. Concert & reading at Lions Hall, 8 pm</p> <p>Tom Hooper. Performs at Tree House South.</p> <p>Karaoke. At the Legion, 7:30 pm.</p>	<p>other activities</p> <p>Caribena Night. Latin grooves and more with Sirbassa Sounds DJs & DJ Intrinsic. Cuban music program fundraiser. Beaver Pt. Hall, 8 pm</p> <p>Family Jewels. Exhibit of parlour quilts of the late 19th century. ArtSpring. Lectures at 2 p.m.</p> <p>Seedy Saturday. Let the gardening season begin. Farmers Institute, 10-3.</p> <p>Texas Hold'em. Learn & play sessions, Fulford Pub, 4-8 pm</p> <p>Salt Spring Sanctuary Society AGM. Farmers Institute. 4 pm</p> <p>Feldenkrais Method Workshop. With Alice Friedman & Helen Moon. The Gatehouse, 9:30-4:30. Info: 537-2343; 537-9694.</p> <p>Dad 'n' Me. Pancake Breakfast drop-in for dads and kids under 8 at Family Place. Saturdays, 8:30-10:30 am</p>	<p>live entertainment</p> <p>Denzel Sinclair Quartet. Canada's top male jazz vocalist performs at ArtSpring, 2:30 p.m. Wine tasting at 1:30 pm</p> <p>other activities</p> <p>Family Jewels. Exhibit of parlour quilts of the late 19th century. ArtSpring. Lectures at 2 p.m.</p> <p>Texas Hold'em. Learn & play sessions at Fulford Pub, 11 a.m. to noon.</p> <p>Feldenkrais Method: Awareness Through Movement Workshop. With Alice Friedman & Helen Moon. The Gatehouse, 9:30-4:30. Info: 537-2343; 537-9694.</p>	<p>other activities</p> <p>Floor Hockey. Fulford Hall, 7-9 pm</p> <p>Gabrielle Roth's 5-Rhythm Active Meditation. 5 p.m. Info: 537-4837.</p> <p>Women's Drop-in Basketball. Middle school gym. 6:30-8 pm. (note new location & day) Info: 537-5995</p> <p>Texas Hold'em. Tournament at Fulford Pub, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Eckhart Tolle. Practising Presence Group meets Mondays, 7:30-9 pm. Info: Amrita, 537-2799.</p> <p>Songwriting Intensive. First session offered. www.allowedsound.com. 537-2294</p>	<p>other activities</p> <p>Belly Dance. Ganges Yoga Studio, 7-8 pm</p> <p>For the Love of This Community. Copper Kettle fundraiser, GVM, 10-4.</p> <p>Pharmasave Walking Club. Rain or shine, Meet at downtown store Tuesdays, 9:15 am. Chris or Mel, 537-5534.</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em;">wed.</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">february 15</p> <p>other activities</p> <p>Songwriters Showcase. At Barb's Buns, 8 pm</p> <p>SS Zen Meditation Circle. 210 Cedar Lane, 7-9 pm. Info: Rowan, 537-2831.</p> <p>Dog Training. Begins at Central Hall. 537-5646.</p> <p>Dr. William Code. Free talk at Mahon Hall. Reserve seat through Patty at 537-0798.</p> <p>Storytime With Ms. S. SS Library for kids aged 6 and under. 10:30-11 am</p>

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exhibitions

• **Family Jewels: Parlour Quilts of the 19th Century**, an exhibit presented by **Stitches Quilt Shop** and collector **Jim Erickson** at **ArtSpring**. Sat.-Sun., Feb. 11-12, 1-5. Lectures both days at 2 p.m.

• **Pegasus Gallery of Canadian Art** presents new original works by **Randolph Parker, Robert Genn, Ken Kirkby, Joe Fafard** and more.

• **Paintings by Verna Meyer** are at **Island Savings Credit Union**.

• **Shari Macdonald** photographs are hanging at **Jana's Bake Shop**.

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GICEL study will be a hoot

Kids with an interest in owls can sign up for a fun and interesting owl studies session organized by the Fulford Community Nature School.

The activity-filled day takes place on Friday, February 24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Darren Copley, from Goldstream Provincial Park, will lead the morning session to teach participants all about these fascinating birds of prey. The afternoon will consist of activities by GICEL staff to further explore the world through the eyes of an owl.

Students will meet in the Science Room near the sandbox at Fulford Elementary School with instructors Jill Alaers, Sarah Myers and one or more members of the youth team. The owl-based activities will integrate science, physical activity and fine arts.

The day-long event is open to students aged six or older. The fee is a sliding scale of \$30-\$40, and interested participants can register by e-mailing gicel@sd64.bc.ca or phoning Fulford Community Elementary School at 653-9223.

The program requires a minimum of 10 participants to run. A decision will be made on February 16 and participants will be contacted to confirm their attendance.

Receipts will be issued and District Learners' Partnership Program students can use this program as part of their science studies.



HORSING AROUND: Michael Colgan shares a moment with one of the horses at Blennerhassett Equestrian Centre on Salt Spring. The centre was hopping with activity this weekend as numerous people attended a Will Clinging horse clinic.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Diabetes tackled in Community Ed class

People wanting to take charge of their lives when it comes to diabetes can join a six-Thursday course that begins next week through Salt Spring Community Education.

Naturopathic doctor Sandra Lee is teaching Reversing Pre-Diabetes, Syndrome X, Diabetes II and Minimizing the Effects of Diabetes I as an inexpensive way for islanders to reverse their diabetes and associated conditions.

Lee was the second person in B.C. to be certified as a Doctor of Natural Medicine by the Examining Board of Natural Medicine Practitioners in Ottawa.

She has lived on Salt Spring for the past five

years and brought with her the decades of work she has been doing on degenerative conditions.

At one point she was told that "arthritis would put her in a wheelchair for the rest of her life." She also used to be pre-diabetic.

"Questions and laughter are encouraged," said Lee.

The first class is on February 16 from 1-3 p.m. at the Mormon church. Call 537-0037 to register, or register online at www.ssicommunityed.com. Program cost is \$100, including materials.

Anyone who needs the class but is unable to attend an afternoon session can contact Lee at 537-8406, as she may be able to offer an evening option.



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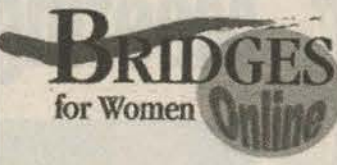
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Byrne**

Stats

Full Name: Patrick James Sherwood Byrne

Lived on Salt Spring: 22 years

Family: Spouse Grace, 2 children; 4 grandchildren

Likes: family, life on Salt Spring

Dislikes: Crowds and noise

Future ambitions: To help the Friends of the Library raise \$250,000 to buy land for the library.

Words of Advice: Don't be a potential volunteer — do it!

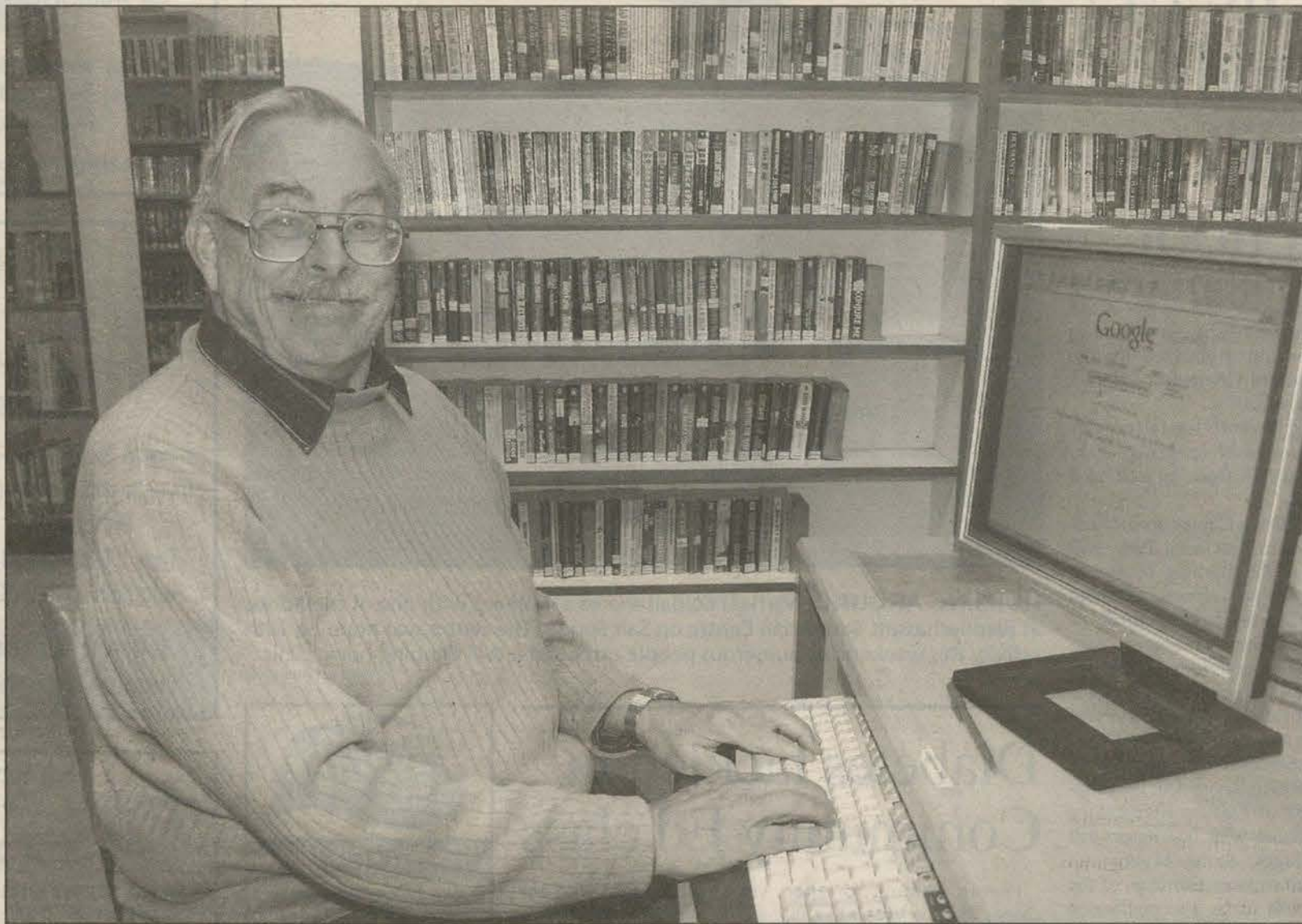


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HELPING HAND: Pat Byrne, the new president of Friends of the Library, is one of 140 volunteers at the local library.

By **ANDREA RABINOVITCH**
Driftwood Contributor

Though Pat Byrne has practically done every other job at the library, his brand-spanking-new role as president of Friends of the Library will be the most time consuming.

"The big project for the coming year is fundraising to buy the land next to the library. There are 35 to 40 members launching a major membership drive and fundraising campaign. We need to raise \$250,000 of the \$600,000 needed."

When asked what members of the Friends of the Library will receive with their membership besides voting rights, he replied with the reason he does his three volunteer jobs: "The warm glow of supporting the library."

Pat and his wife Grace are fixtures at the library on Saturday afternoons, except when they take their exotic travels around the world for a couple of weeks every year. Pat lists shelver, shelf monitor, paperback person, dealing with donations, cataloguing, preparing input and internet teacher as some of his jobs.

Twenty-two year residents of Salt

Spring, Grace started off at the library — then the only 100 per cent volunteer run library in Canada — almost immediately upon moving here. Pat joined her five years later.

"There are 140 volunteers at the library, though some are on-call," said Pat.

With three filled bookcases at home, you can see that "books are important as references and as a source of pleasure" to the Byrnes.

Pat also is the friendly face at the window of the ArtSpring ticket centre one afternoon a week.

"After we moved here, we missed having the Banff Centre and then ArtSpring was built," added Grace.

Pat concurred, adding, "It's important as it provides a venue for local visual and performing artists and offers the opportunity to bring in major acts."

Volunteer driving for Senior Services, taking those without a car to their appointments, sometimes even off-island, is the last but certainly not the least of his volunteer activities. He gives people rides two or three times per month.

"If you don't have a car, you're stuck.

Some people have a friend or family to drive them, but not always. Maybe one day I'll need that service."

Pat grew up in Edmonton and met Calgarian Grace at the University of Alberta. Married 53 years ago, he worked as a petroleum engineer while they raised their two children.

Though he'd never done much volunteering prior to retirement, he did hold public office in Canmore, Alberta, his long-time home prior to Salt Spring.

"I was the mayor of Canmore for six years from 1977-1983," and then he chuckled. "It was virtually volunteer."

The day after the new council in Canmore was voted for, they loaded up the U-Haul and high-tailed it to their new lush island home.

Elected to the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee from 1985-88, island politics proved no more remunerative.

"I was paid \$1,600 a year."

But he's certainly not complaining.

"Three big reasons for volunteering are that you meet interesting people, work with interesting people and it's nice to know that you're doing something worthwhile."



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For Sinclair, singing is as natural as breathing.

"One of the most powerful forms of expression is singing," explains Sinclair. "A heartfelt vocal performance can transform a person's life. I've always enjoyed sharing positive feelings with others; such as love, happiness and peace. Out of all of the ways I express my experiences of these feelings, singing seems to have the greatest impact."

Sinclair has graced the stages of numerous high-profile international jazz festivals in North America and Europe, performed with symphony orchestras, and starred in his own one-hour television special for BRAVO!

One of the most rewarding aspects of his career is his first release on the prestigious Verve label.

The February 12 concert begins at 2:30 p.m. Backed by three musicians, Sinclair appears at ArtSpring as part of the ArtSwings! jazz series, sponsored by Royal LePage Salt Spring Realty. Garry Oaks Winery hosts a pre-concert wine tasting.

Tickets are available by calling the Ticket Centre at ArtSpring, 537-2102 or e-mailing tickets@artspring.ca.



SEASONAL SNIPPING: Emily Tymchuk enjoys a few moments of sunny reprieve from the rain, and takes some time out to prune plants outside of Phoenix High School.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Locals asked to listen for owl calls

Salt Spring Island Conservancy members need islanders to listen closely for owls in their neighbourhoods over the next three weeks to obtain data for the February 24 event called Who Gives a Hoot?

The ideal time to listen for owls is in the evening and early night hours.

People are asked to record the approximate location where the owl was heard, the time, and the type of owl if known, or a short description of the call.

Report findings to David Denning by e-mail at ddenning@saltspring.com.

A list of the owls most likely to be found on Salt Spring and their calls are:

- Western Screech Owl (its call is a series of repeated whistles spaced at decreasing intervals — as though a ball was dropped and it whistled each time it bounced);
- the Great Horned Owl (call is the classic hoot-hoot, hoooot, hoooot);
- Barred Owl (call is a

hooting version of: "Who cooks for you, who cooks for you all"); and

- Barn Owl.

Other species may also be recorded.

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For more information, contact the conservancy at 538-0318.

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READER SURVEY

The Driftwood welcomes your feedback. In recent weeks, we've made a few graphic changes to the newspaper and we plan a redesign later in the year. Before we do that, however, we'd like to hear from you. This survey will be published for the next three editions. Thanks for your comments.

PENNY SAKAMOTO, Publisher, The Driftwood

DRAW PRIZE

All completed surveys will be entered to win \$100.00 (Salt Spring currency) grand prize chosen in a random draw on Feb. 28, 2006.

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Library hours, mag section expand

By **MARILYN MING**

Driftwood Contributor
We have two new initiatives that we hope Salt Spring residents will enjoy: new hours and an expanded magazine section.

Our annual circulation statistics show that we 116,000 items were checked out in 2005 and over 5,000 residents hold library cards. DVDs, CDs and the new fiction are the favourite items, but every-

LIBRARY SHELF

thing else is well used too.

New Hours: The library is increasing its hours and will now be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. six days a week (Monday through Saturday). We hope that the extra hours will better serve our patrons.

Magazines: We're expanding our magazine collection too. If you have any suggestions, please let us know.

Put your idea on a slip of paper in our suggestion box.

Better yet, bring in a copy of the magazine and put a note on it identifying it as a suggested title and your name.

Children's stories: Although we do not have a regular storytime scheduled,

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Graphic novels: We now have a new collection for teens.

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Truth and fiction in science explored at McNeil course

An imaginary "window into the future" will open when Dr. Dick McNeil presents a series of unique short stories in his Science Fiction and the Environment course that begins on Wednesday, February 15.

According to a press release, McNeil's "approach to his class is that first and foremost it will be fun" as the group explores what is truth, fiction and media hype when it comes to science and the environment.

"The resulting environmental, physical, biological, economic, social and ethical questions will spark fervent thought-provoking

discussions and debate on such things as population growth, consumption, pollution and the role of technology. [McNeil] believes that the exchange of ideas on our environment is the first step toward all solutions."

Classes run from 7-9 p.m. in Gulf Islands Secondary School Room N108 on six Wednesdays from February 15 to March 29, with no class on March 15.

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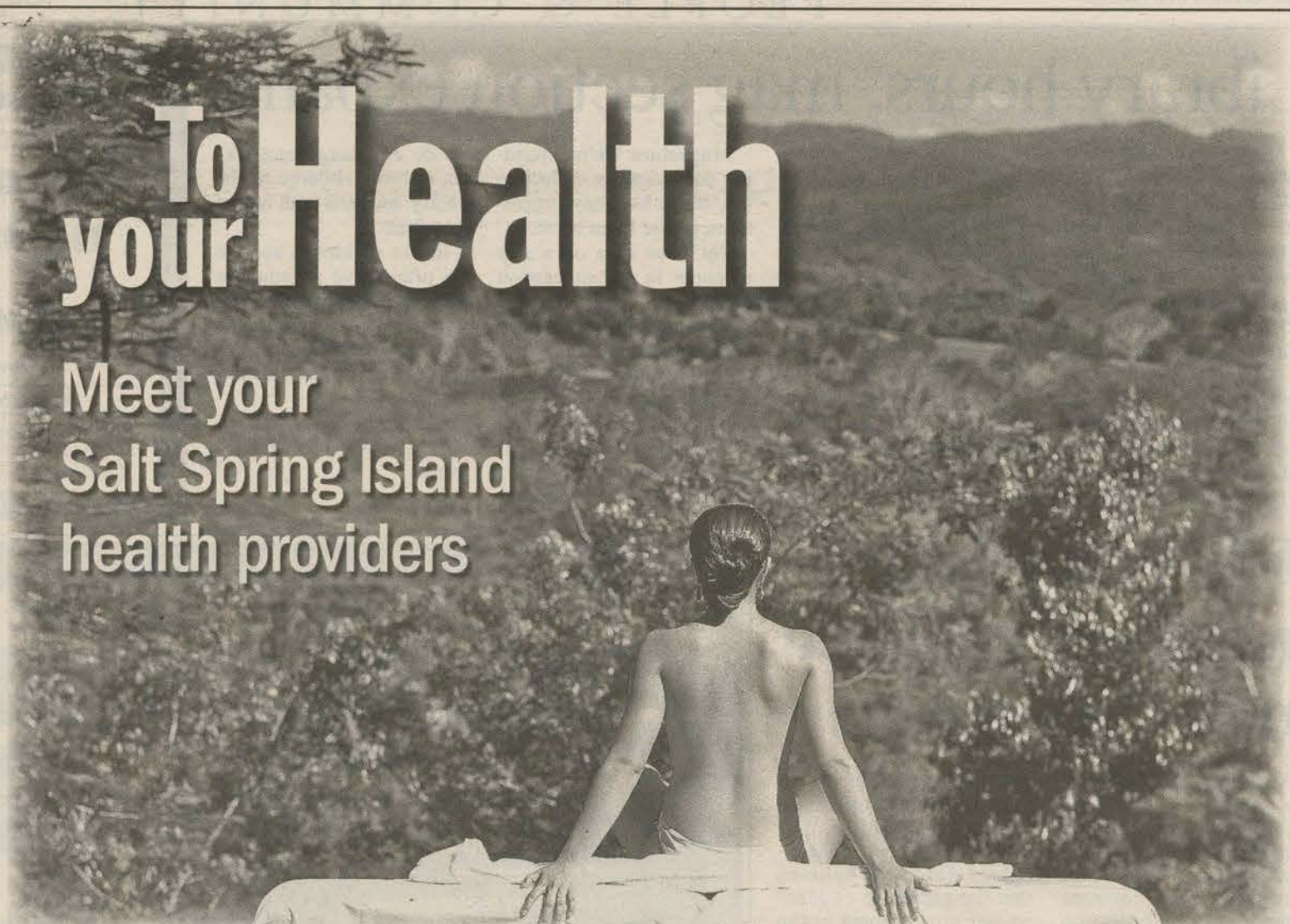
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SKY HIGH: George Gavriloff enjoys some high wheeling at the Kanaka Road skate park on Sunday.

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Fulford Pub raises poker stakes

Islanders can join the immensely popular Texas Hold 'em poker phenomena that's been sweeping North America with a new tournament at the Fulford Pub starting on February 13.

"Poker's big now. It's on TV and everywhere," said Fulford Pub owner Alf Reda. "It's been successful in pubs across B.C. There's tournaments in all kinds of basements, even on Salt Spring."

So, the Fulford Pub will host Texas Hold 'em events each and every Monday night for eight weeks, starting February 13, and the winner will cash in for a grand prize trip for two to Las Vegas.

"The people who win the most points qualify for the finals and the winner of the finals wins a trip to Vegas for two."

There's no cost to enter,

but players must pre-register and they have to be 19 years old to play, Reda said.

"No purchase is necessary, so they're not committed to come here and eat a turkey dinner."

Registration is limited each week, but players can call ahead to book a spot, he noted. Every night there

will also be a prize for the winner of each table of eight players, he said.

"It's all for fun so it's not classified as a casino type of gambling."

Winning hands collect points each night and players don't have to attend every session, he said.

The Fulford Pub will also host Learn and Play sessions

on February 11 (4-8 p.m.) and February 12 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

"If people want to brush up on their poker, they can come down and learn how to play."

For more information and to register, call Alf at the Fulford Pub (653-4432).

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Scorpions storm through tourney

Senior boys Scorpions brought home honours from the Countdown to the Play-offs tournament hosted at Brentwood College in Mill Bay last weekend.

Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) won the most-sportsmanlike team award and tied for third in the 12-team tourney after they romped through their pool on Friday and lost the semi-final on Saturday.

"We opened against Esquimalt and we handily defeated them," said GISS senior boys team captain Jeremy Byron.

GISS beat Esquimalt 90-38 and Byron led scoring with 26 points.

The Scorpions then beat their rivals from Mark Isfeld

in a close match (63-57) that saw them recover from a 10-point deficit in the first quarter.

"Isfeld really pressured us the whole game," Byron said. "We came out strong in the third and hit a lot of shots."

Jordan Borth led scoring against Mark Isfeld with 32 points.

But a AAA team from G.P. Vanier in Courtenay stopped the GISS drive.

"They've been beating everyone in their league by 50 points. They came looking for some competition and they said they were happy they got it from us," said Byron.

After Vanier took a 20-point lead in the first quarter, GISS kept pace with

their opponents for an 82-62 finish.

Borth was top scorer for GISS against Vanier and netted 25 points.

Borth also made first team all-star while the GISS captain made the second team.

As a result of storm-related power outages, GISS was not able to play its final game with Belmont Secondary so the two teams tied for third place.

Byron complimented teammates Shawn Lee and Bob Byron Jr., who made strong contributions when they filled in for injured Scorpions starters Eland Bronstein and Kirby Garside.

He also commended Josh Benloulou for playing well while recovering from an

ankle injury.

The GISS senior boys proceeded to the South Island Championships hosted by St. Michael University School this weekend.

In other GISS sports news:

- Senior girls ended their season with a home game loss against Brentwood on Thursday.
- "Ari Yoshikawa played really well, but Brentwood has a really tall team," said Byron.
- A highlight of the game was when Daniella Benloulou hit a three-point shot from well past the line, he said.
- "They were happy with how they've done this season. It was a good team-building year."

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New island dragon boat purchased with Ganges Village Market help

A one-ton yellow dragon boat is set to land on Salt Spring, thanks to sponsorship from Ganges Village Market (GVM).

"With GVM as a sponsor at this level, it has really made it possible for the Salt Spring Dragon Boat Club (SSDBC) to get off the ground and get dragon-boating," said club president Rick MacKinnon.

GVM joined the SSDBC as a major sponsor last week and contributed the full purchase price of a dragon boat, said club coach Mary Rowles.

"We can look forward to starting the paddling season a bit early, which I hope will mean making our sponsor

proud when we head to races and regattas throughout the summer," said Rowles.

Club members were excited to hear the news since finding an affordable dragon boat can be a major obstacle to participating in the sport, especially for a small community, she said.

The SSDBC must still solve several problems before training can begin, but club members have stepped in to help, she noted.

"There's tremendous energy in this club already," said Rowles, "and there's a lot of interest from others in the community who think they might want to give dragon-boating a try."

Club member Dan Kent will orchestrate transportation of the 48-foot dragon boat from winter quarters in Vancouver to its new island home.

"I'm still working out the exact date of the move," said Kent, "but it won't be much later than a couple of weeks."

And SSDBC member Joel Shaver has offered the Sports Traders store as a hub for sharing information while he hunts down paddles and life jackets.

For more information about the SSDBC, contact Rowles by e-mail (maryrowles19@hotmail.com).

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Odds are that unless you either have kids or pretty much are one yourself, you don't know who Wallace and Gromit are.

That would be unfortunate, because this man and his dog are easily one of the most famous animated pairings on the face of the Earth, and their first feature-length film is one of the best of 2005.

Created by English filmmaker Nick Park, Wallace and Gromit are realized through the painstaking practice of clay-animation. Compared to much of today's 3-D animation, Park's work looks more than a little old fashioned. You can even see marks on the character's faces and clothing where they have been sculpted by a tool. Strangely, this kind of animation has so much more charm than anything put out by a computer.

For those that don't know the story, Wallace is a consistently

befuddled inventor who lives with his speechless but much smarter dog Gromit. In their newest film, Curse of the Were Rabbit, locals are up in arms due to the nightly appearance of some sort of super-rabbit that is devastating their meticulously-groomed vegetable gardens. Our heroes, who have lately taken to becoming pest control specialists, are brought to bear.

What follows is a fantastic hodgepodge of homages to movie history, drawing mainly in this case from old-school werewolf horror films.

At the same time, though, Park and company manage to make everything feel new. Even the references to films like Jurassic Park feel earned, instead of something just thrown in for a cheap laugh from the audience.

And though Wallace and Gromit is made primarily for children, it is immensely

more sophisticated than most anything made by Disney. Adults will chuckle at the extremely veiled naughty jokes involving poor Wallace's crush on a local aristocrat.

And you'll be completely marvelled by the scope of the action. The film takes place in a town that has been recreated from scratch just for the movie. A car/wererabbit chase scene races through streets, through backyards, through the sewers, and even into a couple of buildings, all painstakingly created. There is a ridiculous amount of detail, down to every cobblestone, gate, cloud, glove, and so on.

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Iverson advances to A-level

Salt Spring teen Kristen Iverson is advancing to the top level of amateur squash after she won her division at the Nanaimo Open Tournament on Sunday.

Iverson, 15, won the Ladies B-division title with three straight wins. She beat competitors from Campbell River 3-0 and Parksville 3-0 before toppling a contender from Victoria 3-1 in the final match.

Consequently, she will advance to the Ladies A division.

"I feel great," said Iverson. "It's nice to achieve that goal."

She attributed her win to lots of practice on the weekends. Most recently, she attended a two-day workshop with the coach of number-one-ranked player Jonathan Powers.



ON TOP: Junior girls player Caitlyn Pal wards off an opponent as the Gulf Islands Secondary School Scorpions take on Brentwood Bay in recent basketball action.

Photo by John Cameron

Luck abandons boys in B-Cup game

Salt Spring's U17 boys gold team played a fast-paced and skilled match against Gorge in the first round of B-Cup play Saturday.

While most of Lower Island Soccer Association's B-Cup games were cancelled in Victoria due to wet fields on the weekend, the U17 boys game went ahead at Portlock Park.

Spectators said the local squad demonstrated "great passing skill and composure under pressure."

According to parent Louise Doucet, "The final score did not tell the true story of this game where the local squad played extremely well individually and as a team."

Gorge came on very

strong in the first half and Salt Spring players matched their opponents play for play, moving the ball quickly into their defensive zone and repeatedly attacking the net.

However, Gorge scored two lucky goals in succession early in the first half and, although Salt Spring kept the ball in its offensive zone, the half-time score settled at 3-0 for Gorge.

During the second half, Salt Spring came out even harder, continuing to command the play and keeping the ball in the opposing third.

Gorge retaliated with some "nasty checks" that resulted in several penalties in its half.

DJ Lake landed a beau-

tiful goal on a direct kick in the 18-yard box, and followed shortly afterwards with another unstoppable penalty shot.

Salt Spring's third goal occurred on a corner kick by Lake, headed in by Rusty Fedberg, which tied the game at 3-3.

With 10 minutes remaining, Gorge scored again and then intensified physical play, resulting in one of their players being awarded a game suspension due to two yellow cards, and an injury to one of Salt Spring's players.

"Luck was not on their side in this 4-3 game," noted Doucet, and the loss knocks the squad out of B-Cup play.

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OTHER NEWS: The last meeting of SIPS brought out some real curling experts, and we do hope to be able to use large enough compressors to optionally run a curling rink alongside, in winter, and perhaps then keep the ice rink happening all summer. SIPS requests former Board members of past years to attend our meeting of Feb. 9, or advise us at icepark@telus.net of their status. Among the missing are the Slugs hockey players from over the years; we need your input on neighboring rinks and ice time situations, and the marketing potential there.

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We now offer bold and centered headlines
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Not available in Too Lates or Free/Recyclables

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Your 25 word classified ad appears in the Gulf Islands Driftwood (Salt Spring & Pender Islands) and 15 community papers on V.I. Over 262,455 readers.

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Your 25 word classified will appear in more than 110 community newspapers in BC and the Yukon. Over 2.3 million readers.

PAYMENT

- We can accept payment by cash, direct debit, Mastercard or Visa.
- Classifieds are prepaid unless you have an advertising account.

PLACING AN AD

- In person at 328 Lower Ganges Road, Ganges
- By telephone, 250-537-9933, or fax, 250-537-2613
- By email to classified@gulfislands.net (no attachments please)
- By post to Driftwood, 328 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2V3.

POLICIES

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6 DEATHS

A CELEBRATION of life for **Mildred A. Mitchell** will be held at the Salt Spring Island Golf Club on Sunday, February 19 at 1pm, with a reception to follow.

JACKSON, DAVID Rein. Born in Portland Oregon, Dec. 9, 1933. Died in Vancouver, B.C., Feb. 6, 2006. After a long struggle with illness, he died as he lived, with grace, courage and dignity. Survived by his devoted wife Nora, brother Jim, and sons Walter and Warren, and their families. He will be missed by the band, the Rotarians and friends too numerous to count. He is flying now! A gathering to celebrate his life will be announced at a later date.



Ramer, Paul, passed away peacefully early Monday, February 6, at home surrounded by his loving family. He is survived by his daughter Emily, son Nigel, sister Carolyn, nephews Lee, Nyle, and Chet and many cherished friends.

Thank you everyone for your love and support. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Bessie Dane Foundation and Hospice, PO Box 521, Ganges, Salt Spring Island, B.C., V8K 2W2. A short service will be held Saturday, February 11 at 1 pm at the Community Gospel Chapel, 147 Vesuvius Bay Rd., followed by a celebration of Paul's life at his home.

McClung,

Gwendolyn Edwina
May 22, 1928 -
Jan. 29, 2006

Passed away peacefully in her sleep at Royal Jubilee Hospital. Survived by her loving family, sons Edward, Robert, Murray, sisters Rita, Jackie, and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews. She lived a full life and will be sadly missed. A special thanks to friends, Dr. Reznick, Dr. Ganz and hospital staff for the compassion and care shown over the years. No memorial service by request.



8 CARD OF THANKS

The family of **Don (Goody) Goodman** wish to thank those who sent cards, flowers, and messages of sympathy and those who attended his Celebration of Life on Saturday, January 28, 2006 at Meadon Hall, Salt Spring Island. Thanks to Rev. Skinner, Don Cunningham and members of the Masonic Lodge, ladies of the Royal Canadian Legion Br. #92, and especially to Patrick Beattie for his kindness and planning of "Goody's Farewell".

I WOULD LIKE to thank Cst. Paul Ellis and Cst. Matt Meijer, Salt Spring Fire Dept., Ambulance Attendants, Drs. and staff of Lady Minto Hospital. To Michael Winter and others who came to my assistance during my accident. Many thanks to all involved. Paul Sampson.

6 DEATHS

ADDISON, CHARLES WILLIAM MORAY STUART
Born in Nairn, Scotland, November 25, 1916.
Died February 4, 2006, in Ganges, Salt Spring Island.



Loving husband of Margaret Emma Addison, father of John Brinton Addison and Mary Elizabeth Addison. A young pilot in the Royal Canadian Air Force in WWII, he later worked for the Canadian Department of Veteran's Affairs in France, and retired to Salt Spring Island. A popular member of the community, a keen fisherman and sailor, and a man of great charm, he will be sorely missed by his family and friends: "Good morning, Charles! Steak and a beer?"

8 CARD OF THANKS

Phil & Maryann Hume
wish to thank the many friends, neighbours & acquaintances who have sent cards & notes of encouragement during Phil's illness. Your thoughts are sincerely appreciated.

10 CELEBRATIONS

NEW BABY? Call Welcome Wagon for a personal Baby Visit. Gifts & greetings from local businesses and a warm welcome for baby. Andrea 537-8464.



Judy Stevens wishes to announce the marriage of her daughter, **Sarah Wilkin** to **Ned Holbrook**, of Davenport, Iowa on Dec. 23, 2005. The happy couple resides in Menlo Park, Ca. and will celebrate with family at a later date.

20 COMING EVENTS

FOR A complete calendar of coming events check the Driftwood Community Calendar, in our office in the Upper Ganges Centre, 328 Lower Ganges Road, or on our website at www.gulfislands.net. Use the calendar for event planning and to make sure your date doesn't conflict with someone else's.

MORE DOG Training classes (Level 1) with Sheri Standen scheduled for March 2 - April 13 (7 Thursdays) at Mahon Hall. 537-5646.

10 CELEBRATIONS

Daddy's Girl !!!

Angelina Roodenburg is 2 years old on the 13th!
Happy Birthday Angelina from all the Roodenburgs, with a big Birthday hug from Opa and Oma.

20 COMING EVENTS

FELDENKRAIS METHOD: AWARENESS THROUGH MOVEMENT WORKSHOP
Alice Freidman assisted by Helen Moon will facilitate your learning
* to reduce stress and relieve pain
* to move more easily & elegantly
* to be more at ease in your work and play
Saturday, Feb. 11 & Sunday, Feb. 12
The Gatehouse, 190 Reynolds Road 9:30 am - 4:30 pm
\$130 for 2 days - \$75 for 1 day
Suitable for all ages & level of ability
Information & registration: Alice 537-2343 or Helen 537-9694

Ready, Set, Learn
Fulford Community Elementary School
invites 3 & 4 year olds and their families to visit our school.
Wednesday, Feb. 22 1-3 pm
203 Southridge Rd.
Come and see!
• tour of school
• find out about SSI services for preschoolers and their families
• meet other families
653-9223

Registration Night
Salt Spring 4H Community Club
Feb. 9 - 7 pm
Farmers Institute
For children/youth interested in animals & agriculture.
For more info call 537-4536

SaltSpring FOLK CLUB
Feb 20/06 Tim Williams
opening: **Carolyn Hatch**
Fulford Hall Tickets \$15
On sale now at Acoustic Planet, Salt Spring Books, Stuff & Nonsense
www.saltspringfolkclub.ca

Gulf Islands Community gicac Arts Council
Annual General Meeting
Feb. 23, 2006 7:30 pm
Mahon Hall, 114 Rainbow Rd.
Agenda
Call to Order: Minutes of 2005 AGM
President's Report
Treasurer's Report
Committee Reports
Nominations and Election of Directors.
Discussion & questions

Salt Spring Island Scottish Country Dancing Club
Spring session now starting
New dancers welcome!
Mondays 6 pm - 9 pm
All Saints by the Sea
All enquiries 537-9634

032 MEETINGS

Island Farmers Institute AGM
Tuesday, Feb. 21 7:30 pm
Upstairs Meeting Rm.
Guest Speaker:
Dr. Michael Colgan
of Blennerhassett Equestrian Centre
Presentation on the Centre with slides

34 NOTICES

IF YOUR Driftwood subscription label has the date highlighted, now is the time to renew!
BLISS IS MOBILE!
ENJOY A Relaxation massage on the massage table or chair in the convenience of your home, accommodation or business with Bliss Biro "Listening Hands Therapy" practitioner. 653-9407. Sliding scale.
LOOKING FOR someone who commutes to Victoria on the 6:15 morning ferry. Ideally leaving from the North End and going to Camosun College Interurban Campus area; but anywhere in Vic. will do. Will pitch in for gas \$. Nicole 537-8542.
FREE ISSUE! Smart women - tired of magazines that tell you something's wrong with your body / your family / your life? Go to www.cahootsmagazine.com. Keyword: inspire. Quantities limited.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Special Olympics British Columbia Salt Spring Island
Are you looking for a fun & rewarding experience? Several volunteer positions are open. Join the coaching team or get involved with the administration committee.
We provide you with the training. You provided the energy and fresh ideas!
Orientation meetings will be held: once in February and again in March.
Contact: **Yolande Leger**
w. 537-1115
h. 537-4285

FACIAL REJUVENATION with ACUPUNCTURE

IS NOW BEING OFFERED ON SALT SPRING ISLAND
For more information on this safe and effective alternative to cosmetic surgery, phone:
DR. CHARLES ALSBERG 653-4216

Library increases hours!

As of **Jan. 30, 2006,**
Library Hours will be:
10 am - 5 pm
Mon. - Sat.

CONCERT & READING
Ramesh Meyers with Donn Tarris
Opening set - from Victoria Christina Grondin
Sat., Feb. 11 at 8 pm
Lions Hall
Tickets \$10
at Acoustic Planet & the door
SONGWRITING INTENSIVE
Feb. 13/27 Mar. 13/27 \$95
special guest Feb. 27
Juno & SOCAN award winner
BILL HENDERSON
- all levels -
fun, safe environment
Enrollment in workshop includes 2 tickets to the concert.
Info 537-2294
www.allowedsound.com

25 EDUCATION

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29 LOST AND FOUND

FOUND: GLASSES, bifocals, on Trincomali Hts. Owner may claim at the Driftwood office.
KEYS FOUND on the Burgoyne Trail, Sunday, Feb. 5. Owner may claim by calling 653-2430.
LOST PENDANT, jade, 3" X 1/2", sentimental value. Lost vicinity Eight Branches Health. Finder please leave at Driftwood or call Beverley 537-9230.
KEYS, FOUND near firehall, Australian fob. Owner may claim at the Driftwood office.
LOST: DINGHY, plywood, from Long Harbour. Blue outside, white inside. Named "Malenka". Evenings 537-2644.

NOTICE TO OUR READERS
If you receive a phone call from someone claiming to be the owner of a lost item, please take some basic precautions:
• Have them describe the item with identifying features
• Arrange a safe time to meet
• If at all possible, get a contact phone number that you can call back to confirm their identity

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

-Extension-

**RAINBOW ROAD RECREATION CENTRE
INDOOR POOL**

Aquatic Centre

Operational Management Services

Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC), previously advertised for proposals for the above services. The deadline for submission of proposals has now been extended to 12:00 March 2, 2006.

RFP packages may be obtained from the PARC Administration Office, 145 Vesuvius Rd., and may be viewed on the PARC information website at www.crd.bc.ca/ssiparc

Further information may be requested by contacting the PARC Administration office Monday to Wednesday, between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm; and Thursday between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm (closed 1:00-2:00 pm). The office is closed Friday, Saturday and Sunday.



INTERESTED IN SERVING THE COMMUNITY?

Two vacancies have occurred on the Salt Spring Parks & Recreation Commission

The Commission includes 10 members, appointed by the CRD Board, plus the CRD Director for Salt Spring Island. Current vacancies will be filled for the remainder of the respective terms. One position will be filled for the remainder of 2006; the second will be for the remainder of 2006 and 2007.

**Interviews will take place on
February 28, 2006.**

Application forms are available by email at parc@saltspring.com OR at the PARC office Mon. to Wed. 10 am - 2 pm Thurs. 8:30 am - 4:30 pm (closed 1 - 2 pm)

Phone 537-4448 for more information

Please submit your application form no later than Feb. 27, 2006 to:

PARC
145 Vesuvius Bay Road
Salt Spring Island, BC
V8K 1K3
or parc@saltspring.com



55 HELP WANTED

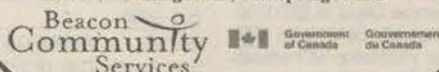
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ALL AT NO COST TO YOU

Phone 537-5979 or Drop In
10 am-3:30 pm Mon. - Fri.

Beacon Employment Services,
343 Lower Ganges Rd., Salt Spring Island



34 NOTICES

MARKET IN THE PARK

Seasonal Vendors to renew permits by February 28, 2006 at PARC office, 145 Vesuvius Bay Road (Portlock Park). Fee \$150.

Day Vendors register at the Market starting Saturday, April 1 at 7:30 am.

New vendors must show proof that they make their product.

Call 537-4448 for office hours or more information.



40 PERSONALS

DEBT CONSOLIDATION PROGRAM. Canada Credit Services helps Canadians repay debts; reduce or eliminate interest rates, regardless of your credit situation! Call 604-734-8158 or 1-866-663-7968 for confidential, no-charge consultation. For online application: www.canadadebt.ca. Bonded and licenced by the provincial government.

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THE LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE is a public service that matches people with legal concerns to a lawyer in their area. A half hour consultation with a lawyer is \$25 plus taxes, and regular lawyer fees follow if you both agree to proceed. Phone 1.800.663.1919. Can they do that? Isn't that against the law? Call DIAL-A-LAW to find out. Lawyers have provided practical information about different areas of law in scripts. These scripts tell you what your legal rights are and what the law says about it. This service is free and is available in English, Chinese, & Punjabi. Phone 1.800.565.5297 or www.dialalaw.org.

50 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

ISLAND MAMA'S Pasta Business for sale. Includes industrial pasta machine, sealing machine, logo, name and excellent reputation. \$1000. Payment plan negotiable. Carolin 653-9196.

A1 FRANCHISE OPPORTUNITY - 100% natural lawn care. High tech system, low investment, great lifestyle. Call toll-free 1-866-239-4056, www.turflogic.ca.

WORK AT HOME ONLINE. 36 people needed immediately. Earn a part- or full-time income. Apply free online and get started! <http://www.wfhbc.com>.

A JOB AT HOME on your computer. Average Income: \$493.51 weekly; Code A1 www.MyHomePCJob.com.

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55 HELP WANTED

RELAY FOR LIFE

Leadership Challenge - Are you ready for a new challenge? Do you excel at organizing and motivating teams? The Canadian Cancer Society is seeking a few exceptional volunteers to plan for a non-competitive event on Salt Spring Island next June 9. You can help lead these Relay For Life volunteers to success. Let's Make Cancer History. To learn more, please visit cancer.ca or email jwakefield@bc.cancer.ca or call 537-4624.

GANGES VILLAGE Market has part-time cashier positions available. Must be able to work (mornings, afternoons, evenings, weekends, holidays). Applications are at the Lotto Centre. Please leave your résumé/application at the Lotto Centre.

PERMANENT PART-TIME position. 1 or 2 days/week. Luxury B&B requires light housekeeping & gardening. Will train. Own transportation required. 537-2716 or 537-2776.

SECRETARY WITH legal experience required by law firm with office in Ganges for permanent full-time position. Please forward resume to McKimm & Lott, Barristers & Solicitors, 201-118 Fullford-Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2S4 or email to saltspring@mclott.com.

BUSY PROFESSIONAL office requires permanent part-time administrative assistant for reception and clerical duties. Computer skills with emphasis on Microsoft Office programs a necessity and experience with Simply Accounting an asset. The successful applicant must be able to multitask while still paying meticulous attention to detail in the midst of many distractions. Please respond with written resume to Box 11 c/o Driftwood Publishing, 328 Lower Ganges Rd, Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2V3.

PHARMASAVE DOWNTOWN requires a part-time cashier. Apply in person with resumé. Please see Dawn or Gary.

FULFORD PUB now accepting applications for experienced wait staff. Apply to Manager with resumé at the Fulford Pub.

SHORT PERSON who promises to wear hat & mask to repair mouse-ravaged insulation in 2 - 4 ft. crawl space. 537-1091.

BOOK KEEPER wanted. Experience with Microsoft excel. Approx. 8 hours every two weeks for building contractor. Peter 537-9858.

PART-TIME BOOKKEEPER required immediately. Must be fully competent with Simply Accounting and/or QuickBooks. Please email resumé to info@canadianspecial.com

PLAY AND WORK in one of the most inspiring mountain communities in the world! The Sawridge Inn & Conference Centre in Jasper, Alberta is looking for room attendants (subsidized staff housing and meals, excellent summer bonus and lots of activities). Positions available immediately or summer contract (May 1 - Oct. 1). Apply with resume and cover letter: jasperjobs@sawridge.com. Fax 780-852-5942; www.sawridgejasper.com.

ARE YOU a team player? Podolan Inn, Fort McMurray is looking for a Pub Manager. Competitive salary, temporary accommodation available. Fax 866-862-0190 or call 780-402-9069 for info.

55 HELP WANTED

SYSTEMS PERFORMANCE ENGINEER, Kamloops, BC. Immediate opening with Nexterra Energy, operating our 10MMBtu/hr gasification pilot plant. Work with our product development team on our new clean energy technology. You have 5-10 years engineering experience in design, installation and commissioning of process equipment, mechanical and process control troubleshooting, operating process equipment and a basic understanding of solid fuel combustion. Proficiency with PLCs and control system interfaces an asset. www.nexterra.ca. Email your resume to careers@nexterra.ca. Competition #C05-010.

2ND YEAR, 3RD YEAR, Journeyman Welders required for major oilfield fabrication shop, Nisku, Alberta. Journeyman shop rate \$27./hour + bonus. Fax 780-955-2780. Phone 780-955-7433. Email: safety@masco.ab.ca.

MIDFIELD SUPPLY is seeking full-time plunger lift technicians within our gas well enhancement division, for the installation and service of plunger-lift systems based out of Alberta, British Columbia and Saskatchewan. The successful applicants will have: positive attitude - above average communication skills, computer literate is a definite asset, SCADA and EFM knowledge a definite asset, extremely self-motivated qualities. Midfield offers: excellent base salary and bonus opportunities, RRSP contribution plan, excellent benefits, challenge and advancement opportunities, the best equipment and electronics in the industry. Salary commensurate with experience. We would like to thank all applicants in advance. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted. No phone calls please. Fax resume along with driver's abstract to 403-823-5974 before March 1, 2006.

ACKLANDS GRAINER INC. in Stettler, Alberta requires an inside sales/warehouse representative. Knowledge in industrial and/or safety products. Computerized environment. Parts experience necessary. Fax resume to Cliff 403-742-1175.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN House Cop requires experienced baker for full-time employment. Full benefit package. Please fax resume including references and salary expectations to 403-845-3585. Attention: Garth.

AS SEEN on Oprah! Swiss anti-aging skin care, cosmetics, weight loss. Now training Consultants/Managers. Vancouver area. Information session Saturday, February 11. Personal - Financial - Freedom. Josanne 1-403-201-3942/969-7266.

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HIRING
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- ECE with Special Needs Certification preferred

Mail resume to:
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Salt Spring Island, BC
V8K 2V4

NURSERY LABOURERS
Outside work in all weather \$9.50/hr
May lead to full time position
Call Fraser's Thimble Farms
537-5788

55 HELP WANTED



SCHOOL DISTRICT #64 (Gulf Islands)

The Gulf Islands School District (#64) invites applications for the temporary 0.25 FTE position of Counsellor for Phoenix Elementary and Phoenix Alternative High Schools commencing as soon as possible to June 30, 2006.

Please refer to School District #64 website at www.sd64.bc.ca/postings/postings.html for further information.



SALT SPRING ISLAND FOUNDATION PART-TIME ADMINISTRATOR

The Salt Spring Island Foundation is seeking a part-time Administrator to support the work of the Trustees.

Responsibilities will include taking minutes of meetings, maintaining a donor database, and other diverse administrative duties.

The Foundation is seeking an individual who is able to work up to 25 hours per month on a flexible basis, is computer literate, and enjoys working independently.

Please submit applications by February 24, 2006 to The Governance Committee, ssifoundation@saltspring.com or Salt Spring Island Foundation, Box 244, Ganges PO, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2V9.



Casual Continuing Care Assistants LADY MINTO HOSPITAL

JOB SUMMARY: Provides basic nursing care and assists in the various programs for social, recreational, diversional, and physical therapy to assigned residents and patients. Also performs clerical duties such as assembling and maintaining patient charts.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Grade 10 plus graduation from a recognized Nursing Assistant Programme or an equivalent combination of education, training, & experience.
- Good verbal and written communication skills
- Physical ability to carry out the duties of the position.

Please submit application together with current resume, quoting reference #5971VI/GIDW

Vancouver Island Health Authority,
Employment Services,
1952 Bay Street, Victoria, BC V8R 1J8
Fax: (250) 370-8570
Email: jobs@viha.ca
Website: www.viha.ca

RESEARCH & ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT REQUIRED PART TIME STARTING MID-MARCH

Minerva Research & Communications is looking for the right person to assist with continuing evaluation of a school-based violence prevention program and other social research projects. Must be comfortable with basic quantitative and qualitative research methods, a self-starter, meticulous, have own PC and car. Familiarity with MS-Word, Excel essential. Familiarity with SPSS an asset. Letters of interest with resume by February 20th, Driftwood Box 10. Serious inquiries may call 537-5599 for more information.

PART-TIME FULL-TIME DRIVERS WANTED

CLASS 3 LICENCE WITH AIR REQUIRED

Send resume to:
Gulf Coast Materials
345 Rainbow Rd
Salt Spring Island
V8K 2M4

60 WORK WANTED

TREE SERVICE, clearing and landscaping. Call Doug at 653-4838.

ELDER CARE available. Support with personal care, housekeeping, meals, gardens, errands, outings, etc. Flexible hours for on-going & respite. Special rates Beddis Beach area. 537-1914, cell: 778-868-5941 or email lindamaki@mac.com

CARPENTER FOR hire. Renovations, new construction, large or small. Senior's discount, competitive rates. Phone John Caron 537-9397.

60 WORK WANTED

EXPERIENCED, RELIABLE homemaker with nutritional skills available 1 - 3 days/week. Excellent cook, impeccable cleaning, organizational skills and gardener. 31 year resident. 538-1611 (7 - 9pm)

CARPENTRY REPAIRS Handyman. Most anything in your home. Smaller jobs wanted while mending from minor surgery. Thanks. Peter at 538-1952.

QUALITY PAINTING and decking - custom work. A-1 references. No job 2 large! Book early. Randy, 537-9402.

60 WORK WANTED

CAREGIVER, MATURE, 16 years experience, loving, compassionate, fun to be with. Available part time. References. Anna Materna 537-9694. NATURE'S FUSION. Certified Horticulturist, 537-6809. Shrub/flower bed design. Installation. Outdoor/indoor plant maintenance. JOBMAN RENOVATIONS. Salt Spring's complete renovation and repair service. Call Brad at 537-2262.

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114 CHILD CARE

TARA BROWN'S Family Daycare, licensed. Has openings. Fun learning and play. Tara 538-0340.

116 CLEANING

NO SURPRISES Housecleaning now has openings for full time, part time, construction or move-out cleaning services. Dependable, reliable, professional, trustworthy staff. Call 537-2186.

BLINDS NEED Cleaning? Drop off at SS Drycleaners. 116 Herford Ave. 537-2241.

NEAT & CLEAN

Professional housecleaner has openings. Excellent references. Custom cleaning. 537-0887 or Cell 537-6807.

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117 COMMUNITY SERVICES

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS - 537-8978.

ALANON/ALATEEN A program for family and friends of alcoholics. For further information call 537-2941, 653-4288 or 537-4909.

FAMILIES OF Schizophrenics meet in homes for mutual support. Call 537-2543.

CRISIS LINE for Salt Spring - toll-free 1-877-435-7544.

DRESSINGS FREE to cancer patients by the Order of the Eastern Star. Contact Ida McManus, 537-5423.

SALT SPRING Mood Disorder Association meets every 2 weeks on Tuesdays for family & patient support and education. Please call Pam 537-2186 for details.

IS YOUR life affected by someone's drinking? Call Al-Anon at 383-4020.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS, overeaters welcome. 537-8978.



Salt Spring Island FOUNDATION

Your Community Foundation

Even \$10 will help!

You can help your island community by contributing to the SSI Foundation's community endowment fund. Every tax deductible donation received—large or small—is placed in this fund, and each year the interest earned is distributed to a wide range of island charitable organizations. About \$80,000 in grants is distributed each year to over 25 organizations. Send your donation to the SSI Foundation at Box 244, Ganges PO, SSI, B.C. V8K 2V9. If you would like additional information, email ssi@foundation@saltspring.com or phone Wendy Kaye at 537-8779.

117 COMMUNITY SERVICES

Alcoholics Anonymous Services Meetings

Salt Spring 537-7573 Galiano 539-2222 Pender 629-3631 Women's only - Thursday nights 5:30 p.m. - 537-7573

122 DAY CARE

HEART N' HANDS Montessori now has spaces available in our all day program. For more information contact Denise 537-4944.

127.1 GARBAGE

STRONG WOMAN HAULING

RENO CLEANUP JUNK TO THE DUMP AND RECYCLING YARD REFUSE REMOVAL GARBAGE AND ESTATE CLEANUP & HAULING WE GET THE JOB DONE! 250 537 6995

142 MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

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156 RENTALS

PARTY TIME RENTALS

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173 TRAVEL

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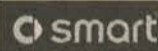
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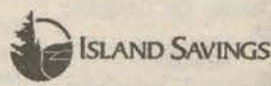
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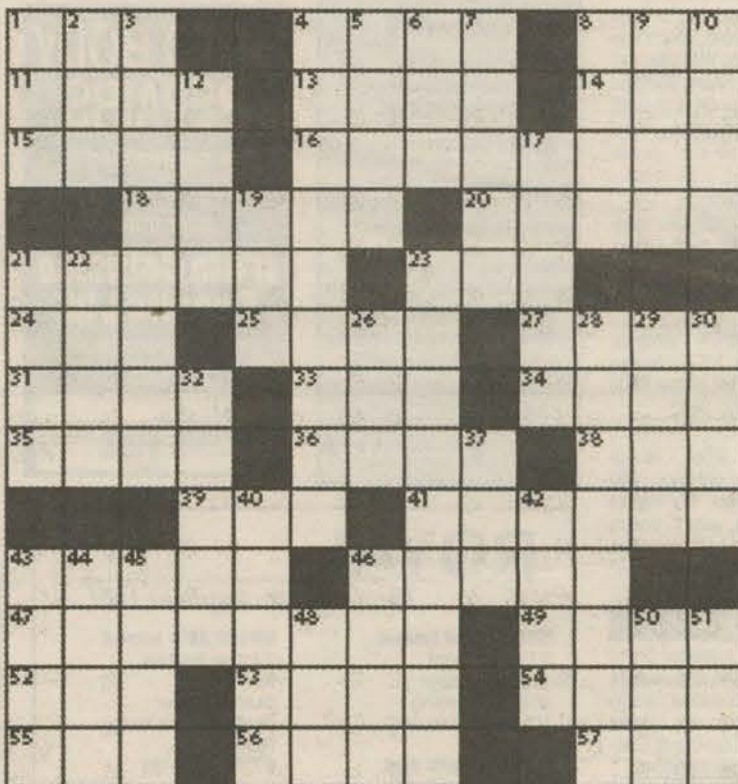
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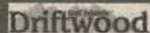
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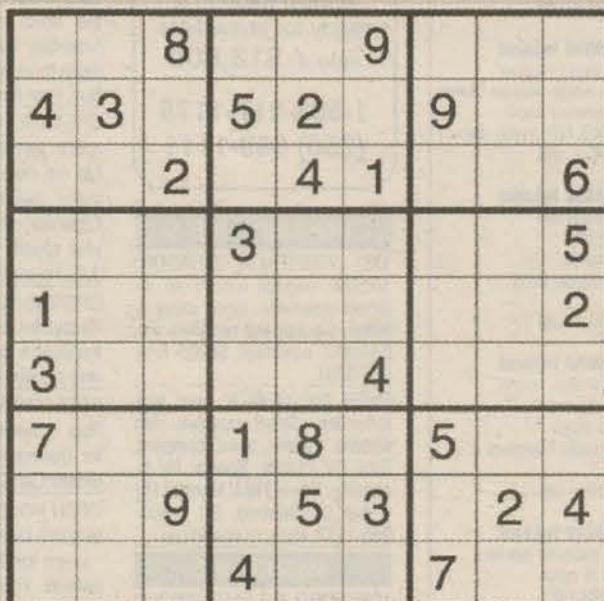
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What's the problem, officer?

I once knew a radio sportscaster who was pulled over by the cops for speeding down Jarvis Street in Toronto. He still had a can of beer in his hand when the cop came to his window.

"I'll have to ask you to step out and walk a straight line for me," said the cop. The sportscaster laughed. "(Bleep), officer, I couldn't walk a straight line."

He wasn't laughing the next day, but he was walking.

For the next six months, after the judge got through with him. Still, I give him credit. At least he didn't try to bamboozle the cop with some lame-o excuse.

Traffic cops have heard them all.

Bad enough they have to spend hours sitting in a cruiser by the side of a highway gnawing stale donuts and squinting at a radar gun while cars and trucks whiz by inches from their ears.

On top of that, they have to hear the alibis.

I really had to go to the bathroom.

I didn't see any sign.

The accelerator pedal sticks.

I was late for a job interview.

No wonder they throw the book at us.

WIT & WHIMSY WITH ARTHUR BLACK



Mind you, some speeders are at least a wee bit creative.

A highway patrolman in Illinois remembers the woman who blew through a red light at a major intersection.

He flagged her down and asked her why she ignored the light.

She told him she'd just had her brakes repaired, it had been very expensive and "she didn't want to wear them out."

Ticket.

A British traffic patrolman chased a speeder for seven miles, siren wailing, lights flashing, before the driver finally pulled over. He claimed he "hadn't noticed" the police car on his tail.

Then he added, "I won't lie. I normally do 60 up here. I should know better. I ran over a woman last week."

Ticket. Followed by license suspension.

A cop in Ohio remembers the attractive woman he pulled over for speeding

one day, who also wasn't wearing her seatbelt.

When he asked why, she said, "I'm an exotic dancer, and the seatbelt pinches my nipple rings. So I don't wear a seatbelt 'cause it hurts if I do. If you don't believe me, I'll show you."

The officer declined the offer.

As did the traffic court judge, who found her guilty of speeding AND failing to buckle up.

But my favourite speeder-versus-cop story happened right here in Canada.

On the outskirts of Medicine Hat as a matter of fact. Early one winter morning RCMP Constable Bill Wisen spotted a car pulled over on the shoulder of the Trans Canada.

The car was still running, but it wasn't going anywhere.

Constable Wisen pulled in behind the stuck car and walked up to the driver's window. He found a man passed out at the wheel, an empty bottle of Smirnoff's lying on the front passenger seat.

The constable tapped

on the window. The driver stirred and opened his bloodshot eyes to find:

Cherry lights of an RCMP cruiser flashing in his rear-view mirror.

A large, unsmiling RCMP constable standing next to his window.

His powerful muscle car idling and ready to roll.

"Oh, bleep," the driver says approximately, slams the car into gear and floors it. The engine roars. The speedometer registers 50-60-80 kph. The driver, white-knuckling the steering wheel, looks around. Incredibly, the cruiser is still right on his tail and — more incredibly — the cop is still at the window — and he's not even out of breath!

The driver keeps it to the mat for another 20 seconds. The car and the cop are still there. "Pull over!" yells the cop. The driver's nerve snaps. He stomps on the brakes and turns off the key.

Which is when the driver discovers two important facts.

Number one: he's facing possible charges of DUI and resisting arrest.

Number two: his car is stuck in a snow bank.

There are hangovers. And then there are hangovers.

This Week's Horoscope by Michael O'Connor

Tip of the week

Last week's New Moon in Aquarius was the seed of some unpredictable energy. In its brightest light, it indicates a spiritual awakening or birth. More precisely, self-awareness and self mastery towards a transcendental consciousness is stirring in humanity. Excessive material thinking and ambition, however, is the perennial challenge. Not everyone will heed the call or perhaps qualify. Most basically, it may come down to making the choice internally to acknowledge the simple fact that we are spiritual beings having material human experiences; souls incarnate. On more mundane levels, the dream of a promising, sustainable and wholesome future for ourselves and our descendants requires that we all begin to direct more focus and energy in that direction. If your question is: what can I do? The simple answer is something; anything that indicates an awareness of our inherent unity. Genuine smiles, a contribution to your community or society, random acts of kindness are all examples of positive action. Aquarius is about people power, illumination, innovation, creative genius, humanitarianism, liberation, equal distribution of wealth, revolution etcetera. Currently, the Sun, Mercury, Chiron and Neptune are in Aquarius.

Virgo (Aug 24 - Sep 22)

Initiating healthier rhythms and patterns continues. A busier pace than usual may be making you pay closer attention to the details. Your willingness to keep an open mind and nurture new approaches is ideal. Unlearning and breaking familiar associations of pleasure is the way to cultivate better lifestyle habits. Unexpected events especially on relationship fronts are reason to stay flexible. Keep pushing through and beyond doubts.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)

Some extra fun and excitement is entering your life now. It is possibly overdue. You are in the mood to play a little. Romantic opportunities are a distinct possibility. Your energies may still be a little low, but you will get a boost this week. Communications and short journeys will move your energies. Leave room for spontaneity and unexpected events in your normal routine. Financial concerns and considerations remain central. How can you invest?

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

Connecting with your own sense of individuality implies freedom. Changes close to home are part of the plot. Deciphering who you are and are not is playing on your mind. Changes on relationships fronts are connected to finances. Things get more on track and you feel more decisive than you have of late. Gathering new knowledge and tools are important regarding career moves. Finances begin to flow a little more smoothly. Take some space.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

Meeting new people and making new friends is in the stars now. You are happy to go and visit and experience new people and situations. Acquisition of new tools and other assets as well as taking stock of what you have and what to do with it is on your mind. Practical considerations take on added importance now and making effective use of your connections new and old is probable. Some will prove reliable and some definitely not. Trust but verify!

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Making new friends and forming new associations is in the stars for you now. You are eager to ardently pursue your ambitions. You want to proceed with the support of the reputation and/or accomplishments you already have. You want to fulfill expectations, yet also feel rebellious at the prospect and so may feel self conscious. Your creative potential is rising, how to express it to yours and others satisfaction is the question. Keep an open mind and innovate.

Taurus (Apr 21 - May 20)

Changes in your social, public and/or professional life are likely now and they could come unexpectedly. Who knows, you could get a promotion or something. Alternatively, a search for where you belong or fit best is on your mind. Life happens in chapters and this may be the beginning of a new one. You may feel ready to pull away from the pack or at least get a jump on things. This is a good time to approach authority figures for favours and earned rewards.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

Taking stock of what is most important continues. Good friendships and important business relationships may be high on the list. You may also feel particularly creative, inventive and/or innovative. You may well begin to entertain new prospects especially in relationships. Making investments of one kind or other remains likely, yet you are wise to double check credentials. At deeper levels, you are changing and so too are your interests.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)

You are suddenly awakening to new aspects of yourself. It may take courage to explore this uncharted territory. Possibilities of fame or infamy, or both, are coming your way. Impatience may be an issue these days. You yearn for unification within yourself and with intimates, family and friends. Past relationships may be the source of lingering hurts mixed with anger. A quest for true friendship is underway. Intend to be a true friend to yourself and others.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)

You are in the mood to break new ground. Much uncertainty about what you actually want and value is slowing the process. You are ready to expand and experience more freedom and this urge will grow all year. You are increasingly eager to put your existing skills and creative talents to better use. Building a more solid base somehow is important. If you are depressed you are probably repressing some of your passions. Explore new possibilities.

Cancer (Jun 22 - Jul 22)

Working in close collaboration is the call now. You may feel rebellious and stubborn and want to take your own lead. Chances are this is the best thing to do, especially if it implies leading others. You do want harmony and will work to achieve it yet you may feel it is time to nurture and/or pioneer new approaches. Entering into new relationships is also a good possibility. Joint mergers and shared investments have appeal; proceed slowly yet surely. Build better relationships.

Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 23)

Change on the relationship front continues. Negotiating new and better methods or arrangements is likely. Seeing the deeper layers in people, situations and your own expressions are all probable factors these days. Things are moving and shifting both above and below the surface. Your confidence in yourself and others has been challenged over the past few weeks, but should begin to take an upward turn now. Proceed intelligently and with intentions to cooperate.

Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

A time of rest and retreat continues. You may not have as much energy as you would like. Your dreams may be extra vivid though and this will continue. You may want to take note of their inner messages. Your actions are unpredictable and perhaps chaotic these days. Be patient with yourself and ask that others be understanding. We are all going through a shake-up on inner levels, perhaps you the most. Stay open to learning and do what you can to stay focused and inspired.

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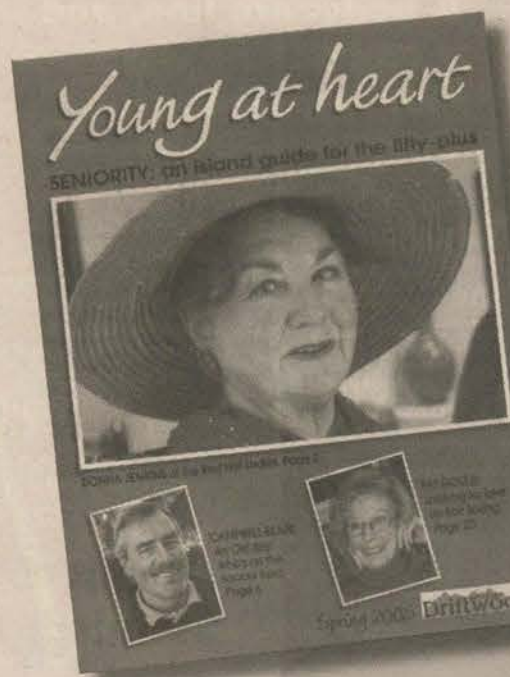
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SPRING IS SPRINGING: Molly O'Donnell of Fulford Community Elementary School takes time out from a nature study course to check for scent on a budding branch.
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Islanders faced fare hikes

45 years ago
Premier W.A.C. Bennett responded to public concern about increasing ferry fares. "We have the best interest of the Gulf Islands at heart, but that is not saying what we will do regarding ferry fares."

40 years ago
Salt Spring Island's library reported 150 new members for 1965. The library expected to pay off debt for their new building in 1966.

35 years ago
Salt Spring's Chamber of Commerce created a Community Planning Association.

DOWN THE YEARS

30 years ago
The Queen of Sidney began ferry service between Swartz Bay and the southern Gulf Islands.

25 years ago
Salt Spring RCMP arrested 23 people after an extensive investigation into a three-week rash of break-ins and thefts from island businesses.

20 years ago
Salt Spring's Rod and Gun Club agreed to limit shooting from 9 a.m. to dusk following noise complaints

from neighbours.
15 years ago
Smokers in the Capital Region were banned from smoking in workplaces or enclosed public places, except in designated smoking areas.

10 years ago
A spontaneous ice rink appeared on a flooded and frozen field off Furness Road in Burgoyne Valley after the island was nipped with a two-week cold snap.

Five years ago
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